

My dear General

Barfleur Staten Island New York Nov^r 10th 1782

On the 3^d instant I had the honor to receive Prince William on board the Barfleur Rear Admiral Digby came with him and tarried till next evening, and I had the pleasure of Mr. Majendie's company some days, which was what I much wished, that he might assist in settling His Royal Highness in his new habitation properly

I herewith send you the copy of a letter I have received from Admiral Digby, it contains the whole of instruction to me respecting my Royal charge, which is not so full and explicit in many points as I could have wished it.

Prince William is now of an age, that demands a very different line of conduct towards His Royal Highness, to that was judged necessary and right at his first embarkment, but I have not a syllable of information or instruction to guide me in it.

I am totally ignorant with respect to Prince William's expenses, which I think of much consequence, I should know something of, as His
Royal

Royal Highness is now approaching to that maturity
of years, to make it very requisite, that he should
appear out of the line of his profession, in some
degree, in character of a Prince, particularly on
occasions of private calamity and distress, where a
Princes bounty, may be right & proper, & consonant
to the things Wishes; I must therefore beg to trouble you
to let me know His Majestys good pleasure
in as full a manner as you can, to which I shall
be at all times, and upon all occasions / as I have
ever been / studious to conform myself

you will herewith receive duplicates of what
I sent you by the Carysfort, nothing of any moment
has since happened, except that I am in some
measure made easy in my mind, that it is
highly probable the French Squadron will not be
able to leave Boston before the latter end of this
month. This being a Bar harbour ships of a large
draft of water cannot gett out, but at spring tides;

Boston

Boston is not so, and ships of any size can put
to sea at all times when the wind serves; and I was
full of fears, that Vandrenil might have sailed
between the new & full moon, but they are now
subsided, from an account I have lately
received, from one of the persons, I have taken
upon me to send to Boston, for I have employed
two or three, in different ways, as certain intelligence
is of the utmost importance to the Kings service in
my present situation, and I think a little experience
in procuring it should not be regarded. He writes
from Providence in Rhode Island government, in this
way, and I expect him back here in a few days

I am with very true regard & esteem

my dear General

Your most faithful and
affectionate humble servant

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Admiral Digby seemed dissatisfied at my not receiving
a Mr. Waddington, but I really could not bring myself
to do it, Captain Knight being very capable of giving
instruction in the mathematics, and I am sure His
Royal Highness must receive it to more advantage
from an officer of Rank, as well as more satisfactory
than from a person, who has been a kind of
Instructor for some years. besides I am clearly of
opinion that the Prince should now have His
instruction from officers of His Royal Highnesses
profession: If I err in this, it is owing to my zeal for
Prince William's advantage