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Euc. R. Ad. Robt. Digby 6th. Hood. Oct. 29 1782 rec Nov 3

My Lord

I have the Kings instructions to put His Royal Highness Prince William under your Lordships care & direction, during the next Campaign, and to send with him a Lieutenant, as Mr. Magendie will not be able to accompany His Royal Highness also to inform you of the plan His Majesty first laid down - which was that His Son should be educated in his profession as much like the sons of gentlemen as his situation would allow, without court, and without any parade, or the usual attendance upon Princes - This has been constantly attended to, though in some instances broke thro' since I have been in this country. In the beginning I found it necessary to fix some Rules from which I determined not to depart, and the most of which I should recommend strongly to your Lordship to adhere to; I made it my Rule, never to dine or lay out of the Ship, without His Royal Highness, and it was a Rule that His Royal Highness should not go out of the Ship without me - That he should receive no visits and never be sent for, but to the Commander in Chief, nor dine abroad but with the Flag Officers of the Fleet, or the Commanding Officer on shore - When any Officer His Royal Highness had not seen was in the fleet, I always invited him to dinner and introduced him before we sat down.

It was a Rule ~~he~~ he should employ his mornings in studying mathematics &c, till noon, when His Royal Highness with all the young people in the Ship went thro' their exercise - That he should every day keep up his Logbook - That he should wear the same dress as the Midshipmen, and that he should not on any account go off the Deck in his watch, and that he should not frequent the Wardroom - These were the

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Right Hon^{ble}. Lord Hood

chief rules I recollect, But your Lordship will perceive that it will be necessary in many instances to make some alterations. It may be impossible for you upon all occasions to attend His Royal Highness, I should therefore recommend the fixing upon one or two proper persons of pretty high rank, that you can send to; at all times besides Cap^t. Napier, otherwise you will find it difficult to fix any bounds, nevertheless upon some occasions Captain Napier may be thought sufficient and though I have every season to be grateful to His Royal Highness for his attention to me, I think if I had departed from the rules fixed in part by His Majesty and in part by myself, it would not have gone on so well. I should have mentioned before, that as I cannot find any Lieutenant that I know sufficiently and that would be a proper person to send with Prince William, except one, and that he has so near a prospect of preferment, that it would be difficult to make him amend; I have therefore fix'd upon Cap^t. Napier, whom I think a more proper person, than any I know, as he has lived a great deal in my family, is a sensible man, and a man of family and I think a very good officer, as far as I have been able to observe on shore, and what is of most consequence, will I am confident strictly observe every direction your Lordship may give him. I should also have advised that Mr. Waddington the Chaplain of the Prince George, should have attended Prince William at stated hours, but finding

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Your Lordship averse to his going, as Capt. Knight you say is a very able mathematician, I have only to desire Mr Waddington may have some conversation with him that he may be informed of the method that has been followed with His Royal Highness, as he would soon lose what he has learnt, if not attended to.

Could you have had Mr. Majendie with you you would have found him a most valuable man and as he has a perfect knowledge of His Royal Highness I have directed him not only to wait upon you, to give you every information, but to put his thoughts upon paper, for your assistance, and as I am so perfectly satisfied they correspond exactly with mine, it remains only further to wish very sincerely your Lordship may find the same satisfaction, in fulfilling the great charge His Majesty has been pleased to entrust you with, that I have and to assure you that I am with great truth

Your Lordships

Faithfull humble servant

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