

My Lord

I have the Kings instructions to put His Royal Highness Prince William under your Lordships care & directions during the next Campaign, and to send with him a Lieutenant, as Mr. Majendie 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 this 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, tho: 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 Lordships 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, & introduced him before we sat down. It was a rule that 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

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were the 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 Captain Napier, otherwise you will find it difficult to fix any bounds: nevertheless upon some occasions Capt^m. Napier may be thought sufficient; and tho. I have every reason to be gratefull 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 me, 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 fixed upon Captain 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, & a man of family; and I think a very good Officer, as far as I have been able to judge 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 Chaplain of the Prince George should have attended Prince William at stated hours, but finding your Lordship averse to his going, as Captain Knight you say, is a very able mathematician, I have only to desire, Mr Waddington may have some conversation

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 on 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 so 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 Lordship's

Faithfull
humble servant
Robt. Dugby

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