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Instructions to Lord Hood

My Lord

I have the Kings Instructions to put His Royal Highness Prince William under your Lordships care and Direction during the next Campaign, and to send with him a Lieutenant, as Mr. Majordom 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 through 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 one 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 one, that he should receive no visits, and never be sent for, but to the Commander in Chief. Nor dine with any body but the Flag Officers of the Fleet, and the Commanding Officers on Shore. — When

The Right Hon^{ble}

Lord Hood Y^e — O^e — O^e —

any Officer His Royal Highness had not seen was
in the Fleet, I always invited him to Dinner, and
introduced him before we eat down. — It was a
rule that He should employ his Morning in studying
the Mathematicus &c., till noon, when His Royal
Highness with all the young People in the Ship went
through their exercise. — That he should every Day
write his Logg Book. — 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 chief rules I collected, 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 Dapier, otherwise you
will find it difficult to fix any Orders, never theless
upon some occasions Captain Dapier may be thought
sufficient, and though I have every reason to be
grateful to His Royal Highness for his attention to
me, I think, if I had parted 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 said before that, as I cannot find any Lieutenant
that I know sufficiently, and that would be a proper
Person to send with Prince William, I have therefore
fixed upon Captain Dapier whom I think a
more proper person than any I know, as he has
lived a great deal in my Family, is a Man of Family,
is sensible, and I think a very good Officer, as far
as I have been able to observe on those, and what is of
most consequence, will I am confident, strictly observe
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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 your
Lordship advise to his going, As Captain Knoght
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 taken with His Royal Highness, as
he would soon loose what he has learnt, if not
attended to — Could you have had Mr Majindie
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 with me 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
(signed) Rob: Digby