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most secret

Indeed, my dear General I am very unhappy  
and sorry Admiral D'Isby was so much  
mistaken, as to embark Cap<sup>n</sup> N. in the Berfleur

It would I am confident have been far  
better, for Prince William, to have left every  
old acquaintance behind, and to have  
had new connections to make.

The mode that has been practised  
in teaching P. W. the mathematics without the  
use of scale & compasses, I cannot approve  
for I do assure you H. R. H. does not know  
a sign for a Tangent, and entirely owing to the  
injurious manner in which he has been  
instructed. A seaman should not only know  
the rule by which a fixure is done, but should  
practise it, which makes an impression - I have  
been

been some time in bringing myself to say what I do,  
but fully trust I say it to you alone  
I talk a good deal in the most open & friendly  
language, which I greatly flatter myself will be of  
service to R. K. H. works every morning with Capt.  
Knight at the Mathematics & Drawing, who is a  
very clever fellow in every respect, and I am  
confident is thought highly of, by the Prince, which  
is a great matter - when Mr. Majendie arrives  
you will I am sure be fully & truly informed of  
everything. Adieu ever yours with much  
affection J.

Dec<sup>r</sup>. 24<sup>th</sup>.