

Barfleur, at Sea, 26th Novem. 1782

Sir,

As I think the chance is far better for intercepting Vaudreuil's Squadron from Boston off the Old Cape, a little to the Westward of Cape Samana on the East End of Hispaniola than off the Cayes Island, where I told you by the Quay Twinn I should cruise, as I shall off the Old Cape be in a fair way to intercept any Reinforcements - from Europe, and of joining some Pique, as he will probably think it right to come to Leeward, to Whom I have dispatched a frigate since I left York the 22^d Instant,

I embrace this Opportunity of the Santa Margareta, whose Commander I have given the Young William Mast Ship, in charge to convey her to Port Royal, and as the Santa Margareta is belonging to the Squadron under the Command of Rear Adm Digby I trust you will not detain her but allow Captain Salter to return to N. America according to the Orders he has received from me solely for the Purpose of Protecting the Mast Ship to Jamaica

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant

Rear Admiral Rowley
Commander in Chief

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Lord Hood's Letter to
Rear Adm^d Rowley
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