

Sir, Barbours off Mont Christi, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup>  
1787.

I passed the Bar of New York, with the Kings Squadron under my Command, on the 22<sup>d</sup> of last month, and immediately despatched the German Schooner to Adm<sup>l</sup>. Pigot, with a letter of which the inclosed is a copy; The Young Williams Mast Ship sailed with me, and having on the 27<sup>th</sup> fallen in with His Majesty's Ship Santa Margareta, on her return from a cruise, with her Bow sprit & Mizzen Mast sprung & going to New York, I ordered her Commander to take the Young Williams, under his ensign and proceed with her to Jamaica, as she was a great Clog to the Squadron, and must have been towed the whole way; on the 4<sup>th</sup> instant being about fifteen Leagues to the Eastward of the silver Keys, by the superior sailing of one of my frigates, I spoke with the Lucerne, whose Commander, not having Admiral Pigot's or Rear Adm<sup>l</sup> Digby's Private Signals, and taking us for the Spanish Squadron, made away to Seaward as fast as possible; He was first to go to New York, and not finding Admiral Pigot there, was to follow him to Barbadoes; Therewith send you a copy of the dispatches he was charged with, and without keeping him three hours, sent him on with the Originals to my Commander in Chief at the Seeward Islands.

At day light next morning I was within five Leagues of Cape Samana, and having that day spoken with the Sybil frigate & Fury Schooner which had come through the Mona passage the Evening before; The former I sent immediately to reconnoiter the Harbour of Cape Francois, and the

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latter through the Turks Island passage, and here with I  
transmit, a copy of my order and letter to the Commander of  
the Fury; On the 9<sup>th</sup> the Sybil returned, and reported as single  
frigate only, at the Cape, and that upon the Queen; At the  
same time I was joined by the Acton, Alarm, & Diamond  
Frigates, and the Bloodhound Schooner, the latter I detached  
to reconnoiter the Havanna, as I could hear nothing of the  
Spanish Squadron; The Acton I sent to S. Northward of the  
Island Mayaguana, & between that & the Cayes, the Alarm to  
cruise North from the Island Luchio, in the same passage,  
from five to fifteen leagues distance; The Diamond to recon-  
noiter the Harbour of St Johns on the Island of Portorico, where  
I had been informed, two frigates with a great number of Merchant  
Vessels under convoy, which sailed from France, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of  
September, and parted with the remainder of the Convoy off  
Martinique & were bound to Cape Francois had arrived; and  
the Sybil I stationed off the old Cape, having shifted my  
Rendezvous from thence a little to Windward of Monticriste,  
which gave me a better chance for intercepting the Enemy's Ships  
should they come through either of the Island passages;

I send you also for their Lordships information  
a copy of my order to Captain Barry of the Acton, and I gave  
a similar one to the other Commanders, so that I trust no Squadron  
of the Enemy's can escape my seeing it.

I have the honor to be with  
great regard —

Yours most obedient & devoted  
& Copy

P.S. I also transmit you a copy of my letter  
to Admiral Pigot by the Couriers & of letters to  
Rear Admiral Rowley —



1783

Suite de la Croisière  
de Peardie commandé  
par L<sup>ieut</sup>. Hood jusqu'à la  
paix & retour en  
Angleterre