

[Newly 1781]

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Dear William

I have a thousand thanks  
to give you for your kind letter which I would  
have answered sooner if it had been in my power.  
As for your sea life I should like it very well  
they all seemed perfectly happy on board, and I am  
sure after my sickness was over I did not care how  
long I had staid. Passed one night upon the Deck  
mightily unpleasantly for I was very qualmish, I was but



being down right sick, I have no doubt but if You had been  
enlighten'd You would have been sick too, for some of our  
Sailors who had pass'd all their lives in Colliers, were  
so horribly sick they could not stir, and Captain Fielding  
of the <sup>Sail</sup> was to have staid on board an Hour or two he  
should have been sick too, for the Motion is totally  
different from that of any other ship. All my Hopes  
are that You may beat the Spanish fleet if You are  
going to Gibraltar, By all accounts now the Emperor  
is going to assist us in our behalf in that is the  
Case I have the King's promise to go and here a little  
they say He will it may be true. I can not write  
any more, I shall therefore only wish You a very  
prosperous Voyage, a great Victory, and many prizes  
~~which being done~~ and Subjects My self Dear  
Brother

Yours ever affectionate

Amster Feb. 12

Fredrick







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