

My dearest Willian. At the arrival of Mr Majendie I was extremely happy to hear Him give so good & satisfactory an account of You. He says You are very much improved in every respect and is particularly pleased with Your Kindness to him on parting, I own I am myself happy to see by Your Letter that You feel the Obligations You owe him, and it must give The World a good opinion of You in general to see that You are sensible of his having performed His Duty towards You as an Honest Man. Persevere then I beseech You to go on in the Path He traced for You, You have every possible encouragement to do it, as You are with a Man at Present who besides His great Merits in the Profession is known to be very regular in all His Duties both Worldly and Religious, & of whom I was told at Portsmouth to be a great Discourager of Vice & every Libertine Principles.

You will I am sure be very sorry to hear that poor Captain Fielding upon His return from Gibraltar was brought up to Town in a very Sickly Condition, He languid for about six Weeks and died the 12<sup>th</sup> of January of a dropsy in His Chest. His sufferings were very great, but his Patience and Fortitude continued to the very last. He was very Religious He was when His distemper allowed it quite Edifying, & those about him amongst which



was Lord Winchelsea regret very much the not having been able to write down the prayers which he made at different times, He greatly recommended His Children to be Religious, & to behave well to poor Mrs Fielding who is as deeply affected as possible, & indeed there is no wondering at it, as even those who had but common acquaintance with Him regret him much.

Every thing else at Home goes on as in common excepting that there are no Sunday Services, The King hunts on Saturdays, & Courses on Monday Mornings at Windsor. The party consists of myself and your two elder Sisters besides the King & His Equerry. in the Morning the Ladies are reasonably employed, and in the Evening Monsieur Guiscard reads to Us.

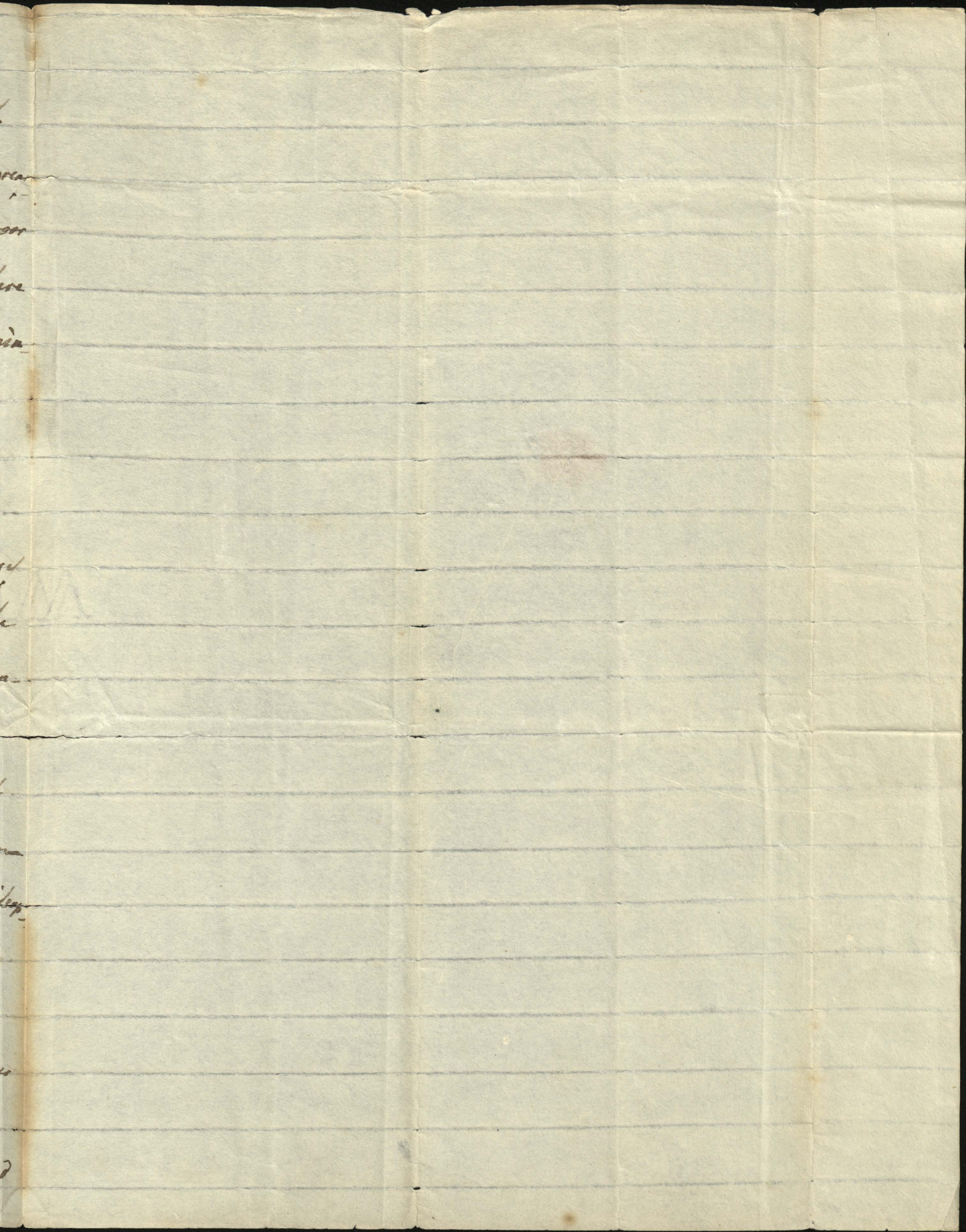
Your Sisters are all very well & I believe Princess Royal will answer you, but Augusta & Elizabeth looked rather melancholy when after the Promise of Letters from you they were disappointed in their expectations. however Augusta pardons you and says another time will do as well.

I have now only to add that I beg you will not disappoint me in your Conduct, let it be manly but not Vicious, & believe me sincerely

D. H.  
The 5th Feby. my Compliments  
1782. to Lord Hood.

Your very affectionate Mother & Friend  
Charlotte







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