

Sir Samuel Hood

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Portsmouth Dock yard June 16th 1779

Your Majesty's most gracious letter of the 11th was delivered to me on Saturday last by Mr Majendie, and next morning my boat convey'd him to Spithead

Prince William arrived in the Dock yard on Monday a quarter after twelve, in most perfect health, and I most carefully attended to your Majesty's most gracious commands, with respect to His Royal Highnesses reception, at the same time I had the honor of receiving a most distinguished mark of your Majesty's goodness, by the hand of Major General DeBude.

Words are inadequate to express the Joy I felt at the fire & spirit, which appeared in His Royal Highnesses Countenance; a happy presage for the glory of England, and that His Royal Highness will prove a shining ornament

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to your Majesty's Navy. I pray God to preserve
his Life! Rear Admiral Digby has disposed
of His Royal Highness in the Prince George
exactly conformable to what your Majesty
condescended to suggest to me, by allowing a
commodious place, with a good light, in all
weather, for Mr. Majendie to retire to, with
His Royal Papil, and it is sufficiently spacious
for two Cotts.

It has been my earnest wish Sir to shew Major
General De Bude every attention in my power
consistent with my Duty to the office, in which
your Majesty has been pleased to place me, and
I can never be more happily engaged, than in
obeying your Majesty's most gracious Commands.
we left His Royal Highness two Leagues without
Dunnose this day at noon, with a most prosperous
Gale, in the highest Spirits with the purest
sentiments of gratitude I will ever remain

Your Majesty's most dutifull Servant
J. M. Hardy