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Prince George  
Gibraltar Bay  
Jan: 4<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>  
1780

Sir

I have the great satisfaction to inform Your Maj<sup>ty</sup> that Prince William is perfectly well and improves in his Mathematics as much as can be reasonably expected, considering the many interruptions he has had. The Chasing and seeing the Caracca convoy taken was a new scene and pleas'd him very much. His Royal Highness was not less delighted when we met with the Spanish Fleet off Cape S<sup>t</sup> Vincent. Considering the Prince George does not go well we were extremely lucky in picking up one of the Disabled Ships which had not struck her Colours, but



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made very little resistance, enough however to convince me of His Royal Highness's alertness & readiness upon such an occasion. Unfortunately our prize the *S. Julien* of 70 guns is since drove on shore near Cadix, w<sup>th</sup> my first Lieut<sup>t</sup> & near 50 of my men in her, The *S. Eugenio* of 70 guns is also destroy'd by blowing up in action which afforded a fine, dreadful sight.

Upon our arrival here I waited upon the Governor w<sup>th</sup> Prince William and the next day dined w<sup>th</sup> him in form & then desired he w<sup>d</sup> give directions that no ceremony might be used to Prince William at the diff<sup>t</sup> Quarts except when w<sup>th</sup> his Ribbon

& Staff, Since which time I have taken his Royal Highness w<sup>th</sup> me almost whenever I have been, in his Jacket and trousers. Our work is going on very fast & I flatter myself a few days will get our Fleet again ready for sea.

Your Maj<sup>ty</sup> very Dutyfull  
& very Faithfull  
Servant  
J. J. J. J. J.



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27 June 1780  
Adm. Bregby

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