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Prince George at  
Sea

Sir

Having wrote by both the  
expresses that Sr Geo. Rodney sent from  
Gibraltar, I have only now to inform  
Your Majesty that we sail'd from thence  
the 14<sup>th</sup> of Feb.<sup>r</sup> & that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> We had  
the good Fortune to take the Portie the  
first French line of Battle Ship that  
has been taken this War. So that Prince  
William will have been at the taking  
the first Spanish Ship of the Line, & the  
first French Ship of the Line, & will have  
seen one Spanish Ship strike to the Prince  
George, all in this short Voyage.

I may very safely add that I have every  
reason to be perfectly satisfy'd w<sup>th</sup> his  
Royal Highness, and I will flatter  
myself

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myself that your Majesty will find him  
even improv'd in many respects.

Notwithstanding the frequent interruptions  
he has met with, he improves in his  
mathematics as much as it is possible  
to expect. His drawing seems to be the  
only thing he has neglected. I would  
therefore recommend that his Royal  
Highness's particular apply to that  
whilst on shore.

Your Majesty no doubt will wish to  
see him soon and I have reason to  
believe his Royal Highness will wait  
w<sup>th</sup> impatience till your Majesty  
shall think proper to send for him.

I cannot conclude my letter without  
expressing my satisfaction w<sup>th</sup> respect  
to Mr. Mejerdie, whose attention I  
cannot sufficiently commend.

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The Sir. is this moment made for seeing  
the Land & I hope to be able to send away  
my Expresss this evening

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Your Majesty's very

Faithfull & Dutyfull

Serv<sup>t</sup>

Robt. Digby.

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Adm. Drury