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Rear Admiral Digby Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. was safely delivered to Me by Captain Elphinstone, and yesterday Colonel Catterton brought a duplicate of it, and since M. G. de Bude has shown me the Copies of the Instructions you gave to Lt. Hood and to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Napier, which have my fullest approbation indeed your care and kindness towards my Son on all occasions call for the my warmest Thanks, and had the situation of things not rendered his stay in North America highly improper, and the nature of your situation kept you entirely on shore, I should never have thought of looking out for another Station for Him. I can easily conceive it was very difficult to find a Lieutenant fit to be placed about William who would not have been looking towards immediate Promotion, and that Cap<sup>t</sup>. Napier will fully answer what I wished; indeed your Character of Him makes me perfectly satisfied with this Appointment, and I trust Lt. Hood when more acquainted with him will be of a similar opinion, in the only letter I have received from him, though he seems to wish he had named the person, He does not express any wish that he may be removed. Though I am very much hurried I must just add one word of approbation on your having consented to M<sup>r</sup>. Mijendies's returning home, his health and the new scene makes it every way proper.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper, possibly a letter or document fragment.]*