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I have the very great happiness and satisfaction to assure your Majesty that Prince William enjoys most charming health, and diligently attends Cap^t. Knight two hours every morning at Mathematics & Drawing and I can with great truth declare, that I have every season to be perfectly satisfied, with His Royal Highnesses behaviour, which I have very watchfully attended to.

But it is my duty to make known to your Majesty, that Prince William & Cap^t. Napier have very frequently had bickerings & little quarrels which I heard of by accident only, till very lately and therefore thought it most proper, not to know it but from one or the other of the Parties. But about ten days ago, the Prince came to me, full of sorrow to say, he could no longer put up, with Cap^t. Napiers treatment, without relating it to me. I told His Royal Highness, I was extremely sorry, he had occasion to make any complaint, and desired to know, where in he was dissatisfied with Cap^t. Napier. His Royal Highness
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said, his language, and manner of behaviour, was so disgusting, and very different from what he had been accustomed to receive that he was made very unhappy

I recommended to His Royal Highness, to have no more disputes with, but to be very attentive to him, and never to suffer himself to be put in a passion, as it may lead him to say, what he might have occasion to repent of, for years, but to tell him calmly, and with composure of temper, that when he saw any part of his conduct, was improper and reprehensible, to let me know it, and beg of His Royal Highness to live upon friendly with him until your majesty's pleasure was known, & particularly on Admiral Disbys account, who was the sole occasion of his coming - The Prince acknowledged the propriety of what I said, and I flattered myself, all would be forgotten. But upon some little dispute a day or two after Capt. Napier doubted His Royal Highness, having been so long a time with me, and suggested, that he had been prejudicing me against him - This hurt Prince William very much and His Royal Highness requested, I would tell Capt. Napier all he had said - After this I talked with Capt. Napier and upon asking him what part of Prince William's conduct was so improper, as to occasion such frequent quarrels

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he could not point out a single instance - I then told him there was a manner and language to be made of, to His Royal Highness, very different from what a dogmatical Country Pedant, would use to one of his scholars, that I had neither seen in, or heard anything of, the Prince, but what was truly amiable and proper, and if he had observed to the contrary, he surely ought to have let me know it - that I wished him to consider, that His Royal Highness, was not now to be treated as a child that being of a volatile turn of mind, it was necessary he should be reasoned into what was right, and not be treated with an austerity, and harshness of language

I never was more attentive to any man, than I have been to Capt. Napier, and it is great consolation to me that not the least unpleasant word has passed between us. It is however very much my duty, to give a candid opinion of Capt. Napier to your Majesty; and though I am perfectly satisfied of his being a very honorable man, I really think him a very improper person to be with Prince William: he seems to have totally mistaken the intent and meaning of his being sent, as he seems to imagine His Royal Highness, is under his sole guidance and direction; but I solemnly protest he has never once

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find a syllable to me of the least impropriety in Prince William's
conduct, and when I told him, I conceived his being here,
was as a companion to, and an attendant on His Royal
Highnesses leisure hours, his answer was, he should not
have come upon such a footing - I made no other reply,
than recommending his living amicably with Prince William
untill I knew your Majesty's pleasure, and that he would
be so good to inform me of anything he saw amiss in
His Royal Highnesses conduct, as to make it necessary
for me, to speak to him upon it. I thought it incumbent
upon me, to be thus particular to your Majesty in this affair
as I flatter myself your Majesty will judge it expedient
that Capt. Napier should be removed.

Prince William will give to your Majesty an account
of our cruise, in which, we have been so unfortunate
as not to get a sight of Vandreuil

I am with the utmost gratitude

Your Majesty's

most dutifull and
devoted servant

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Lord Wood.
February 5. 1703