

Ld. Hood to H. Gen. J. Bude

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Barfleur Port Royal Jamaica Feb^y 8th 1783

My dear General

I put my name to a paper of acknowledgements to you, in which was a sort of narrative of my last Cruise the 5th instant; soon after which I received a Box of letters sent from to windward, that was brought from England in the Nymph, Anson, and M^r. Pacquet, some dated up to the 6th of Dec^r. amongst which was your very affectionate one of the 5th covering one for His Royal Highness, from His Brother Prince Frederick; but am sorry to find nothing decisive had then taken place, whether we are to have peace, or a continuance of the war, I have ventured my sentiments upon that subject already, and will not add a word more

I cannot sufficiently express what I feel, from the sad accident you have met with, from your
fall

fall in hunting, and sincerely hope & trust you will
recover the effects of it, sooner than you expect, rest
is absolutely necessary, and painful & irksome as
confinement undoubtedly is, I dare say you will
patiently submit to it. You cannot conceive
how very uneasy I have been, from the many
disagreements, that have arisen between Prince
William & Captⁿ Napier - I had frequently heard of
their disputes, but thought it best to appear ignorant
of them, until they were made to me, by His Royal
Highness, or the Captain - That event took place
about a fortnight ago, by Prince Williams telling me
the Manner & behaviour of Captain Napier, was so
disgusting & different, to what he had been accustomed
that he was made very unhappy - I have talked to
both, and recommended in the strongest words, their
living amicably together; and as I was in duty
bound, I have written fully to the King, upon the subject

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and I enclose under a flying seal, a letter for Mr. Majendie, which I must desire you will take the trouble to read.

I really feel much for Cap^t. Napier having been very intimate with two of his Brothers, and am very confident he is a man of very strict honor, but he certainly is a very useful one for a companion to, and attendant on, His Royal Highnesses leisure hours. I have from the first hour Captain^t came into the Barfleur, shown him every degree of attention, I was able, from which circumstances I derive much comfort, particularly, as I believe the Captain is very sensible of it, and I shall not fail to continue doing the same, untill he is separated from His Royal Highness: but how he can be disposed of I am at a great loss, unless by going back to Admiral Digby, or from hence to England. In my subaltern situation I am totally without the power of giving preferment

preferment of any sort, to the lowest officer, from whom
you will see how totally impossible it is for me, to
place him in the command of a ship

Adieu my dear General

Ever and most affectionately yours

Hardy

Lord Hood

February 10. 1703