

Copy of a Letter
to Prince William

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My Dear William, You may easily conceive after an absence of near two years how rejoiced I feel as well as The Queen at the thoughts of seeing you within a day or two; I have sent Mr. G. Budge to London that on the first account of the Division under Lord Hood arriving at Spithead he may set out for Portsmouth to receive you & bring you here. He has my directions to speak very openly to you; behave as you ought & you will ever have every reason to feel the affection your Parents will have for you. He will tell you my mind is far from at ease, it has pleased The Almighty to put an end very unexpectedly of the most amiable as well as attached Child a Parent could have; may I find thou I have as warmly so as He was & I cannot expect more.

I will not add more on a Subject that very
much fills my mind & I come as strongly
convinced me how very transitory all enjoyments
are in this world, but it the stronger convinces
me that the fulfilling every Duty is the only
real comfort, & that our rewards must be looked
for in another not in this world. Believe me ever

Dear William

Your most affectionate Father.