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Prince George. Torbay

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Dear Sir,

It is scarce an hour since I received your 1<sup>st</sup> part dated 16<sup>th</sup>, & part 18<sup>th</sup>. The signal is just made to unmoor, the wind having come round this morning to NNE, nevertheless I must continue in the bustle of getting out to sea to write you a line or two in answer.

I communicated that part of your letter to Admiral Digby, which relates to him. We are both surpriz'd that you shou'd not have received the dimensions of the Bowling Piece, as they were enclosed in a letter I address'd to you some time since by the usual method. I think you have acknowledged the receipt of mine off Plymouth.



it was under the same cover that I revealed up the  
Admiral's directions in a little note directed to  
you. I cannot at all conceive how this has miscarried.  
If you should not recover it, in course there will  
be some delay in getting the Gun after we get in  
again. I do not find the Prince takes much to the  
diversion yet; it is a wholesome & innocent amuse-  
ment, & he may perhaps take it some time hence,  
as the Admiral thinks he will.

We are all glad to go to Sea again: You know,  
my dear Sir, that Sailors are pleased at getting  
home, & happy to go out again: I believe nobody  
is more rejoiced at our moving than I am; for  
I began to be apprehensive that our parties in  
the morning, & large companies at dinner were  
growing rather too frequent; and my fears on this  
head were not so much for the present, as for the  
consequences, when we might be at Sea, where some

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of these amusements can be had, so that the great  
change might create a reluctance to the usual me-  
thod of going on, & that that habit of application  
which the Prince may establish better at this time  
of life, than at any other.

I hope however that I shall be able to trans-  
mit from sea such accounts of His Royal High-  
ness's temper & improvements, as may be satis-  
factory to the King: Such I am sure it is my  
greatest pleasure to send, & whenever it has hap-  
pened otherwise, I have always felt a proportion-  
ate pain.

Prince William desires me to present his  
affectionate compliments to you - The Admiral  
sends his best wishes - Remain,

Dear Sir,

Your obliged,

& very humble servant,

H. Majendie



*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of aged, yellowed paper with a central vertical crease and horizontal fold lines.]*

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