

H. M. to P. e. H. M.

16518

Windsor Sep 28. 1745.

My Dear Williams Your letter of the 21. Ult. no has arrived safe, You
are mistaken in supposing that the Proctor is vacant, a Captain having
been appointed to it very quickly after the resignation of Capt. Wolroyd
~~to accommodate Lord St. John's wish for an early passage in this month to St. James~~
~~that he might be able to sail early in this month with Lord St. John~~
but had that not been the case I should not have approved of
your being so soon a Captain; in the case of private persons
early advancement is material, as they cannot otherwise
till later in life become Admirals, that of a Prince of the
blood Royal ^{this is not, as} ~~is very different~~ he can be promoted as quickly ^{rapidly}
as may be thought advisable. Your letter preceding this
application contained the confession that ~~you~~ ^{you naturally} ~~did not expect to be a~~ ^{the Duty of the Duties}
~~what is in the duty of a Lieutenant as if you have had~~
~~a sufficient knowledge of Duty, it is highly important you~~
should be perfect in every branch of the service, and cannot
be of use to your Country but by being in every shape a
pattern for others to look up to, indeed till Commodore
Leeson has quitted the ship you will not ^{in reality act} ~~be acting~~ as
Lieutenant, it is by the regularity of your conduct as an
Officer of the ship and ~~as propriety~~ ^{propriety} of behaviour at
all times that I can hereafter advance you to the Rank of
Captain; the object is to fit you for commanding Ships which
can

can only be effected by your being perfect in the subordinate
stations and its being seen that you feel the ^{necessity} ~~importance~~ of
great care in putting in every action of ~~your~~ ^{your} rank naturally
~~the in life of your country and that your rank in life~~
making you an object ^{of minute examination} ~~for others to examine every~~ ^{minutely}
and ~~the~~ ^{consequently} every neglect or impropriety ~~is~~ of much more
consequence in you than in any private gentleman,
this language. I have invariably held to you, and my
actions shall ever be guided by the principle that my sons
are the Instruments I look for assistance in putting this
Country into any degree of prosperity, but then they must
by their behaviour convince me they are deserving of such
Trust. believe me ever &c.