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Mar. 5 1780

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It is with infinite joy that Lord Sandwich congratulates Your Majesty upon the safety of Prince William, the arrival of Admiral Digby with the whole fleet & prizes except the four that separated from him with Sir George Rodney on the 18.<sup>th</sup> instant. bound to the West Indies. Admiral Digby in his way home fell in with a French convoy bound to the East Indies has taken the Protee of 69 guns & 700 men with £60,000 in specie on board, & 4 or five of the convoy, the dispatches & letters shall be sent immediately to your Majesty.

Admiralty  
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*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*