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Guernsey, Dec 3rd 1793

Sir

In obedience to the desire which
Your Royal Highness was pleased to express,
I have the Honor to send you a short account
of our proceedings. Yesterday, at Day-break, we
sailed the French Coast at Cherbourg: which Port
it was necessary to reconnoitre, because the
Royalists had intimated an intention to at-
tempt it. We saw none but hostile signals,
either at Cherbourg, or on the Coast to which we
steered close till we reached Cape le Hague.
The same signals were continued quite to Cape

Content. We therefore repaired hither, according
to our instructions, for information. We have
here this evening received the certifying in-
telligence that the Royalist Army after
its repulse at Granville grew ungovernable
& insisted on retiring to Laval. The Peasantry
of which it consists, as is said to the number
of near 60,000, took up the extraordinary opi-
-nion that their Officers only wanted a
Sea-Port for the opportunity of embarking
& leaving them. Granville is by no means a
strong place; yet the Royalists were forced to

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return in great disorder from it. notwithstanding
-ing this, they have since been twice attacked,
& have each time severely punished the assail-
-ants. Still they retire into the interior of the
Country, where communication with them must
be almost impracticable: had our Ships con-
-not lay in wait at this season among these
foul & dark Rocks. This occurrence is in the
highest degree mortifying to us, as I now
see little prospect of any opening for ex-
-ertion. I have only this consolation, that
the disappointment is not imputable to
any omission on our part. We have every

Expeditious dispatched to concert measures
with the Royalists; but the distance of the
latter not make it very dangerous for our
messengers to pass & reply. Unexpectedly
may still give us the opportunity to try
-thing, but no prospect now shows
which I can build a hope.

With the most respectful
-sent, I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Royal Highness's most
Obliged & devoted servant

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H. R. H.

The Prince of Wales.

Dec. 31. 1791.
The Prince of Wales
to the Duke of Devonshire