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Prince George at Spithead.
Wednesday, Nov^r 24. 79.

Sir,

I suppose that the fleet is going to be laid up for the winter, & that I shall return home soon to appear before Your Majesty again. This will therefore be probably the last letter that I shall write to any of the family this year.

I hope Sir, that by my conduct it will appear, that I have learnt nothing bad; I should be sorry to show any bad example to my Brothers, & particularly to my Sisters. I hope on the contrary by the accounts Your Majesty will receive from the Ad^l: it may be known, that I am in the way of proving an honour to my country, & a comfort to my parents: that my moral conduct is not infected by the

great deal of vice, I have seen; nor my manners more im-
-p^{ro}per by the roughness peculiar to most Seamen.

Upon the whole our pri-
-vate affairs with M^r. Majendie have been but little interrup-
-ted; they were sometimes necessarily broken off; particular-
-ly when we cleared ship. & whenever any thing was done
-by which I could gain any knowledge in my profession.
I have gone three times through the six first books of Eu-
-clid, once through part of Logarithms, & some more Alge-
-bra, & Trigonometry. With M^r. Majendie I have read
-ten a short account of the History of England from
-the Reformation till the Revolution, & am now read-
-ing Sully's Memoires. I have translated French, Latin,
-& English; in all which I hope I am improved. The
-Drawing has not gone on quite so well; I am sen-
-sible I have been negligent about it; it is at present more
-attended to.

By this method of living, I have learnt many things in
-common life I never knew before; amongst others keeping ac-
-counts. I have seen the manners practised in the world,

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Things begin to appear to me in a very different light from what I had seen them before: I have seen martial discipline kept up, & the severity arising from it, executed: the manner Courts Martial are held: the justice, that is done in a free court

try.
I look forward with the greatest pleasure to the time, when I shall see all my dear relations again; whose love I am sure to meet with, if I deserve it, & still Your Majesty thinks proper to send for me home, believe me,

Sir,

Your Majesty's

most Affectionate,

& Dutiful Son

William.

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From William
November 24. 1949