

Prince George's Sea

June 16. 1780

Sir,

The day after General de Bude left us, we went out with a fair wind; however soon after the wind changed, & we were obliged to beat down channel. Last night the Admiral bore away for Whant; but as it became calm this morning, Admiral Geary was so civil as to write word to Admiral Digby, that about noon he would send a letter into Palmouth. It is by this means that Your Majesty will receive this letter.

As soon as I came on board, I began the usual course again; in pursuinge Astronomy, improving myself in

French, Latin, & History. Till now I have been happy, & I
pleas'd with every thing about me. In general Mr. Major
die has express'd his satisfaction of my manner of go-
ing on; & I mean to continue in the same way. The Ad-
miral, who has any interest at heart, approves of my
conduct; & for this reason, believing me steadier, & more
attentive to the duty of the ship, than I was last sum-
mer, has order'd me to keep a more regular watch.

Whilst we were in Port, our time
was spent very agreeably: we dined at S. Thomas's
& on Your Majesty's birthday we went to the Dock
Yard to see ^{the} Procession of the Shipwrights, & afterwards
dined on board the Victory, where Admiral Geary gave a
dinner to all the Admirals & Captains of the Fleet.

We are all in hopes of meeting some
French Frigate, & as we are now cruising near the
coast of France, of taking several prizes to make up
for our unsuccessful cruise last summer.

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I beg Your Majesty to present my Duty & affection to the
Queen. In all affairs, that relate to my happiness & advan-
tage, I know the Queen takes the most lively interest. I
promise always to use my utmost endeavours to prove
myself

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and dutiful Son,
William

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Prince William
June 16 1700