

Draft to Lord Hood--

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Lord Hood Your letter in answer to mine on placing my son William under your care was brought by Capt. Elphinstone, I am very anxious for the first Accounts from the West Indies after your arrival, as I trust it will bring me a letter from you with an Account of the manner in which William has conducted himself in the new scene he now is entered upon; I should have been glad had the health of Mr. Majendie permitted him to have remained some time longer with him, as he knew so perfectly his disposition, and therefore might have continued very useful; the Character I have received from G. Ad. Warrington and others concerning Capt. Ropier makes me hope on farther acquaintance that he will meet with your Approbation. I shall only add that a thorough conviction of your private Character, as well as of your talents as an Officer makes me thoroughly convinced that I have acted the proper part as a Parent in placing my son under you, and that I shall keep a strict eye over him, and remembering that he must act with civility and Attention to all persons and avoid that familiarity which frequently borders on contempt.

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