

My Brother

I thank you very much for the letter I receiv'd from you by the Mars on the 25<sup>th</sup> at night. We have receiv'd news from Portsmouth of the King of Prussia's having beat the Russians. It so permit me to congratulate you upon this occasion. I have had no letter from Lord Howe but hear there are some come that mention his behaving extremely well

I hear he is so slightly wounded  
that he won't not suffer his name  
to be inserted in the list that is  
published. We have been today  
within a bout 2 leagues of Brest  
and I could distinguish very distinctly  
three flags flying in the harbour.  
The feu de Joye was fir'd according  
to directions. Some vessels have  
joya'd us this evening which has  
added a good many sail to our  
number, and seems to have alarmed  
the

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French a good deal ifor they  
have been firing signal and other  
Guns all a long their coast the  
whole evening. And appear in  
the same agitation they us'd to  
be the last year when we appear'd  
off their coast.

10 o'clock at night.

I have receiv'd from <sup>Prussia's</sup> Honour the  
confirmation of The R. of Victory  
which gives me the greatest pleasure

I beg my Duty to my Mother. Resting  
Remillie off about <sup>most affectionate</sup>  
August 27<sup>th</sup> a Obedient Brother  
Edward

The Duke of York

27<sup>th</sup> August 1759

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