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I am just returned from Capt Hervey
to whom I went early yesterday
morning that I might have an
opportunity of looking nearer into
Port, than it would be safe to
carry the Squadron. But unluckily
the wind shifted, and drove so full
in, that if we had attempted to enter,
we might perhaps have had also
an opportunity of supping with
Monsieur Conflans, which I cannot
^{say} have any particular desire for
unless

it should be on board the Ramillies.
However tho I was disappointed in
not getting in so far as we might
if the wind had not shifted, yet I
was near enough to discern the
Road Rocks, and principal
Batteries very distinctly.

But I have been severely
punish'd for my trip, by the ship which
brought ^{me} your last letter, happening
to join the Squadron yesterday while
I was with Hervey, The expectation
of which ship made me not seal
up the enclos'd. and therefore by
being becalm'd all the evening
and

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night I did not receive of letter till
this morning. And by this misfortune
lost the opportunity of a Ships going
to England last night. I assure you I am
quite unhappy at this accident, and
must always be under the greatest
uneasiness, when the minutest attention
is wanted to you can appear but for an
instant to be missing, from one, who
is as entirely devoted to you from
sincere Friendship, as from Duty, and
the close tie of Relationship that subsists
between us.

I beg my compliments to my Sisters and thanks
for their letters, and beg they will excuse
my not writing, as I can hardly keep pen to paper on
account of the well known encreasing Gale.

The Duke of York

29th August 1759