

The Duke of York
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Mr Brother

I receiv'd your letter of August the 30th
yesterday by the Hercules. In the King of
Prussia's battle, Providence seems to
have protected the person of that great
Monarch in a most particular manner,
as report places him in the thickest of the
Battle and in the most imminent danger
having had one horse kill'd & another
wounded under him.

I mention'd the destination of the
Fleet sail'd from Toulon as you suggest, to
St Edward Hawke. But we suppose that
^{when} you wrote you had not hear'd of the Fleet
having separated. The supposition here
is

that seven are gone on to meet Bombart,
if so the French will have sufficient force
to do a great deal of mischief in the
West Indies. Admiral Coats is at Jamaica
only with six ships, Bombart and le Clue
can join without Com. Moore knowing
any thing of it; and if they should stand for
Jamaica, by what I hear from persons not
ignorant of the place, they will meet
with too little opposition. However I wish
to God it may turn out as you suggest,
having all the reason to believe, that nothing
but the interposition of a fog, or dark night
can keep him out of our hands if he ventures
this way. remaining with all possible regard

^{P.S.} A thousand thanks for ^{your} ^{kind} ^{inquiries} ^{and} ^{most} ^{affectionate} ^{and} ^{obedient} ^{brother}
I am pretty well I thank you.
From this Sept. Edward.
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