

Col. Charles Rainsford to Edward Le Grand.

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Dear Sir

Disa Nov^r 22 1771

Muster surprised us this Morning
with a long ^{Gr} Tace, and an Armfull of Letters
to the great Satisfaction of M. R. H. as well as
his great Admiration at this indefatigable Gallant
Leat & Expedition. Among other Letters I am to
thank You Sir for one of the 8th which as it concern'd
Major Heywood I communicated to him & I am
very happy to find the Letters of the 25th by Muster
arriv'd so soon after an unlancholly ones of the
18th which I am conscious must have given
but very little Hopes of the Dukes Recovery. Thank
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God, you may now be fully satisfied on that
Account, and the Physicians that are coming by
His Majesty's Express Commands, will I hope ^{now} be
of no other Use than to confirm to Him, what
any letters from us cannot so well express. I
hope Mr Adair will find him in a much better
State of Health than he has known him for
some time, which his Countenance sufficiently
testifies, for indeed Mr Le Grand ^{they} you would
to see how well A. R. M^r looks, The moderate
& regular Exercise he uses, & his temperate
Diet, both which A. R. M^r seems determin'd
to observe, will doubtless contribute to a Continuance
and of these favorable Appearances, and I
flatter myself when A. R. M^r returns, you
will see him with Signs of Health that will

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give you great Satisfaction. Mr Charlton assures
me he has observ'd as yet no Symptoms, that mark
any Return of the Asthma, the periodical Fits are
entirely lost, which is look'd upon as a great
Point gain'd, & if it comes again, they hope the
Fits will neither be so frequent or so violent

Mr Charlton desires I would express to you his
great Gratitude for His Majesty's most gracious
Approbation of his Conduct, and the Marks of
Favour. He has been pleas'd to shew him, and to assure
you that nothing shall be wanting in his Zeal
for A. R. M^r Service, and Endeavours to deserve
what His Majesty has been pleas'd to confer upon
him. I have A. R. M^r Commands at the same
time to repeat what I have before observ'd to
you in Favour of Mr Meeks (the Surgeon of the
Venus) Care & Abilities during A. R. M^r Absence

I have wrote already to Mr Augustus Hervey by the
Dukes Order to recommend him to the Superannuated
List of Navy Surgeons for 15 Years Service which may
be about 50 p Annum. N. R. M wishes you would
mention this to H. Majesty. & tell him how much
this Man assisted in his Recovery, which Major
Keywood I find has very particularly stated to you
I do he some Day to myself. at having thought of
Mr Meik at the Beginning of the Dukes Disorder
as a proper Assistant to Mr Charlton, having
heard of his Abilities on board the Venus, & found
him a very sensible, and intelligent as well as
modest Man, all which he confirm'd in the Course
of his Attendance & kept up our Hopes & Spirits, by
his Firmness, when Despair had left us no
Comfort but our Trust in Providence, & N. R. M
Approbation of him has seal'd this Opinion.

I am Sir with great Truth &

Esteem

P.S. I must add Mr Meik
was so disinterested as to refuse
taking either Present or Money

Your very humble

and obedient Servant

Chas Rainsford