

Cowenage June 9<sup>th</sup> 1781

My Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure I take  
this opportunity of offering my most sincere  
congratulations on the very many handsome  
remarks and expressions, I daily hear poured  
forth from all Parties, respecting the spirited  
Behaviour, and well Conducted Manœuvres  
of the British Fleet under your Command on  
the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, when engaged with so Superior  
a Force of the Enemy. The first Lieutenant  
of the Santa Monica who is just returned,  
on his Parole from St. Vincent's, says, that  
Monsieur Du Plessis, now Governor of that  
Island, and who came out with the Comte  
De Grasse, expresses himself in the highest  
and

and most pointed terms on the well directed  
Maneuvering of the British Fleet on that  
day, and to repeat his own Words, that  
Admiral Hood led his Fleet like an Angel