

Copy of a Letter to Ch. A.  
Graves of the 25. Aug. 1781

No 9

Sir

Bayflour off Cape Henry.  
25<sup>th</sup> August 1781.

Herewith you will receive a duplicate of the letter I had the honor to write you by Lieutenant Delance of the Active Brig, least any misfortune might have befallen her in returning to you.

I am now steering for Cape Henry in order to examine the Chesapeake, from thence I shall proceed to the Capes of the Delaware, and not seeing or hearing anything of DeGrasse, or any detachment of Ships he might have sent upon this Coast shall then make the best of my way off Sandy Hook, where I shall be permitted to Anchor, or not, as may appear most advisable to you.

Annexed is my List of Battle by which you will see the Number & Force of His Majesty's Squadron under my Command.

I have the honor to be  
Thomas Graves Esqr. Sir, Your most obedient and  
Rear Admiral of the Fleet. Most Humble Servant  
H. H. H. (Signed) Saml Hood  
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