

London, Sandy Hook 28<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>  
1781

Sir,

I have this moment received Your Letter by the Nymphe acquainting me of Your intention in coming here with the Fleet under Your Command. It was not until Yesterday that I had any information of Your having Sailed, which came privately from Lieutenant Delanoe now a Prisoner at Philadelphia taken on his passage to this place.

I very sincerely congratulate You upon Your safe Arrival.

We have as yet no certain Intelligence of De Grasse the Accounts say that he was gone to the Havannah to join the Spaniards  
Sir Sam. Hood Bart. g. - g. - g. and

and expected together up on this  
Coast - a little time will show us -

I have sent up for Pilots to  
bring Your Squadron over the Barr  
which should be buoyed to render it  
safe - To Anchor without  
would neither be safe at this Season  
of the Year nor prudent on Account  
of it being quite exposed to an  
Enemy, as well to the violence of  
the Sea -

De Barras Squadron was  
still at Rhode Island, by our last  
Accounts, and ready for Sea, they  
have embargoed every thing and  
disembarked the Prisoners from  
a Lattel ready to come to us -

All the American  
Accounts are big with expectation  
and the Army has lately crossed  
to

to the Southward of the Hudson as if  
to threaten Staten Island

For my own part I believe the  
Mountain in labor — only  
now that You are come

My Squadron is slender and not  
yet ready to move, or I should hesitate  
upon Your coming over the Bar  
— as we are circumstanced it is a  
dear Point — I meet the  
General to day at Denizes Long  
Island upon a consultation.

I am,

Sir,

Your most Obedient  
and most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

(Signed) Tho: Graves.

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Sam: Hardy

P. The Princess Sunderland draws 26 Feet  
Water, it is too much to come over the Bar  
therefore I have sent up for two Transports,  
to come down for her Guns — perhaps to put  
them in the Frigates may gain time

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P. Graves 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1778.

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