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Transactions, a la
Nouvelle York jusqu'en
depart de L'An. Piquet
par la Barbade &
de L'An. Hood pour
le Cap Francois

Newyork Oct^r. 5th. 1782

My dear General

I troubled you with a long narrative of different dates by the Southampton, which left this port the 13th of last month, and I hope & trust is now within a few days sail of England.

We have been upon the tenterhook of expectation of news from your side of the water, for some time past, and still continue to be so; the latest letters from England bear no fresher date, than the 6th of July. I pray God grant most devoutly; we may soon hear, that an administration is fixed, which has the confidence of our most gracious master, and the whole nation! such a ministry would I flatter myself, set us firm upon our Legs, and enable us to subdue our host of enemies

The Warwick with Prince William on board returned here the 27th of last month, with a very large french frigate named La Hige, which was forced on shore in the Delaware, her masts
were

were cutt away, and attempts made to destroy
her, without effect: She carries 28. 2½ pounders
English Guns, on her main deck, and 16. 9 Pounders
on her quarter deck & forecasse. She came from
Rochfort, & had on board several french Generals
and other officers, and about 90,000 in money
The former gott ashore, and took the cash with
them to about 4000. La Gloire of 32 guns was
with her, but drawing left water, beat over the
sand, and escaped to Philadelphia.

I have not words to express to you, how very
much His Royal Highness is improved in every
respect, His appearance delighted me most
exceedingly, and I really believe has grown a
full head, since I had the honor of seeing him
last year. The very kind, polite, attentive, and
manly manner, in which His Royal Highness
was pleased to receive me, was flattering in
the extreme: on the 30th my friend and old
acquaintance

acquaintance Col. Musgrave arrived here
in the *Dromede* from Cha. Town, and has brought
the Blue Ribbon for Prince William

I have the satisfaction to tell you, that the
exercise I take mornings & evenings, gives me
strong hopes to believe, I shall again become
tolerably stout, so as to enable me to acquit
myself in the discharge of my duty to my wishes.

The appearance of things in this country
is truly distressing, and altogether beyond my
comprehension, I will not therefore attempt to
say one word about them, and only beg you
will do me the honor to present, my most humble
and unfeigned duty, and to repeat the assurances
of my being with great regard, attachment,
and esteem

my dear General

Your most faithful and
affectionate humble servant

Horby

The Lion & Vestal
were in company
with the Warwick