

Barfleur, at Sea, New York
NW. 120 Let. 27th Nov. 1782

Sir,

I believe I omitted to tell you in the Letter I had the Honor of writing you last Even^g. that I had order'd a Frigate to cruize and look out for any Ships from Adm^l. Pigot, or you with intelligence, Off the baycos Island, as I there intended to take my Stand, when I wrote you by the Quay Troiure from New York, but upon conversing since with Officers who have served much upon the Jamaica Station, I find that though the French Ships of War, with their Trade from Cape Francois, go out into the Sea through the baycos Passage, yet seldom or ever return that way back, but go to the Eastward of the Silver Keys, & make the Western end of Porto Rico or Cape Samana,

I confess myself ignorant of the Track the French Ships generally take among

Rear Adm^l. Rowley
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the keys & therefore am ready to listen to
those whom experience has better informed

I hope I shall soon have the
Pleasure of receiving intelligence from
some of your Cruizers, whose Orders I shall
not interfere with to my own Emolument
in any respect.

I have but one frigate with me
except my Represter, having sent the *Endymion*
to strengthen the Convoy with Troops from
Charles Town to Jamaica

My force in Line of Battle Ships
is Twelve, the same Number Vaudreuil has,
but should I fall in with a Reinforcement coming
from Europe or Martinique, I shall become very
inferior to him, as he has not a Ship under
a 74, & I have four of 64, therefore I beg leave
humbly to Submit to your Judgement, whether
it would not be right to send all the Serviceable
Ships of the Line to me from Port Royal.

Vaudreuil could not I
think leave Boston before the End of this
Month

Month, if so soon by a few Days, all the
French Troops in America are at Boston to
embark in the French Squadron.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient and
most humble servant

(Alamy)

Copy of a letter from
Rear Adm^d Lord Hood

to
Rear Admiral Rowley

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