

My dear General

Battle at Sea May 18th 1783
to the Northward of Bermuda

I received Admiral Pigot's orders to proceed to England on the 22^d of last month, and sailed with the Kings Squadron under my command on the 25th and having given Prince William an opportunity of visiting the Havana I got through the Gulph of Florida on the instant

I am now well on my passage, and therefore dispatch Le Postance to announce my near approach and cannot suffer her commander Captⁿ Christian to leave me, without making him the Bearer of a few lines to you. He preceded the Squadron to the Havana, with His Royal Highness, under the charge of my friend Captⁿ Merrick, as it might not have been convenient for me to wait off the Port, on account of the violence of the current - My passage from Jamaica to the Gulph, was very tedious, owing to lightness of wind, with frequent calms.

I have ordered Captⁿ Christian to Spithead, and I hope
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and trust, I shall not be more than four or five days
behind him. I will say nothing of Prince Williams
reception at the Havana, as His Royal Highness will
soon I flatter myself. have an opportunity of giving
you every particular in person, and will only add
now, that the lovely Prince continues to enjoy most
perfect health, and that I am with real regard and
esteem, My dear General

Your most faithful and
Obedient humble servant

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