

Prince George off Sully,
March 3: 1778

Sir

Since my last letter to Your Majesty,
dated in Gibraltar Bay, & conveyed to England in the
Huyena, the Fleet under the command of Admiral
Digby, since I George Rodney left us, has been fur-
ther successful in falling in with a French Convoy on the
2^d of last month; bound to the Isle of France, under the
command of the Viconte de Duchillo in Le Trothie.

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a 4 Gun ship. The Convoy consisted of L'Espérance, L'Éclair-
phante, Le Gange, of the same force, La Charmante, a
Frigate of 20 Guns, two armed Brigs, & a cutter. We dis-
covered them at two in the afternoon, & chased them all
night. Between one & two next morning, the Resolute
on Br. Bedford came up, & engaged the Troothier for
some time, when she struck. She has on board to the va-
lue, we are told, of 100,000 of ready money. Two other
Prizes have been taken one by the Marlborough, & another
by the Spolde. The Invincible, Bienfaisant, & Tri-
ton parted company in the chase, but have since joined
us off Scilly. Thus far in the year 80 every thing has
been successful on our side, as if Providence was resolv-
ed to punish our enemies for having begun the war
so unjustly.

When I return home, I shall be happy to present
Your Majesty with the Ensigns, taken from on board

the Prince William, the P. Julian & Le Trothe, as trophies of our success over the French & Spanish.

As to myself, since our departure from Spithead, I have been reading Astronomy, & have learnt the methods of finding the Latitude, Longitude, & Variation of the Compass. I have brought home a plan of Gibraltar, which General Obedt obligingly ordered to be made for me, where Your Majesty will see the works raised since the last disturbances.

The Queen, & all our family must heartily rejoice at the success of our fleet. I shall defer giving a further account of what I have seen, till I have the pleasure of seeing them after my long absence. I intend writing to the Queen by this opportunity, & shall therefore have the pleasure of assuring Her Majesty myself of my duty, & respect.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's dutiful & affect. Son,
William Henry

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