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Prince George, In Torbay.
Septem^r: 29: 1700.

Sir,

It is with the greatest pleasure & satisfaction I congratulate Your Majesty on the Queen's safe delivery on the 22^d instant, a day already propitious to Your Majesty. I received the news of this happy event by a letter from the General, dated that same day, in which he mentions, that the Queen was as well as could possibly be expected, & my little Brother likewise. I think that, whether it had been a Brother or a Sister, it would have given equal pleasure; but I confess, as to myself, I am more happy it is a Boy, because, when he grows up, he may be more useful to his country.

Will Your

Majesty, be so good as to give my duty, & my sincerest
congratulations to the Queen, & my love to all my
Brothers & Sisters.

We attempted to get out of Torbay, but were driven
in again by contrary winds; since that time, we have
had Courts Martial, held every day, on board the
Prince George. A man, belonging to the Poudroy-
ant, was sentenced to receive 300 Lashes, for having
struck his Officers; & four Deserters from the
Valiant were condemned to death, not only for the
desertion; but for High Treason in appearing in
open arms against their King, & Country, having
been taken on board a French Privateer.

I have nothing more to add than to assure Your
Majesty of my being,

Sir,

Your Majesty's very affectionate
& dutiful Son,

William.