

The
 S. Hellens.
 Oct. 13. 1785.

Sir,

My last was written upon the Commodore's leaving the
 ship: since that time we have had various adventures. The State
 was only five days on fitting; we then proceeded to sea again, from
 Barbary to Tangiers: the first week the weather was moderate but
 constant rain. On 7th of last month a most dreadful storm
 suddenly with violent thunder & lightning accompanied with
 hail. Several of our sails were split, & we were obliged to cut & better
 in Tangiers road. Next morning we proceeded to sea again & had

in different weather till the Sunday following, when it began to blow
hard again, which prevents our getting in till next day. The ship
having suffered in the two gales of wind, & winter coming on, we were
detained several days, making the necessary preparations
for another voyage. Since the Gale has been past, it has blown
constantly hard with violent squalls of rain: we have been three
days at St. Helens prevented from going to sea by the badness of
the weather: yesterday it blew harder than it has any it done.

During our stay at Spithead, I paid
visit to my Lord Hood & dined with the Lieutenants of the Guardship.
Was there any thing more that was worthy of your Majesty's approbation
I would certainly do myself the honour of mentioning it. The

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only your own Sir, that prevents my pen writing, is the want of subjects.

Our employment affords nothing new or interesting. In our last

we were only your own smugglers, who were professed in the court.

By all accounts smuggling is, if not totally broken up, almost ended.

They have suffered very considerable losses & their spirits are sunk.

As your Majesty will present my

most dutiful respects to the Queen, your belief need not be,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son,

J. Pitt

Prince William

October 13. 1705