

Pegasus
Halifax Harbour.
July 4th 1787.

Sir,

According to what I had the honour of mentioning to your Majesty in my last, on the 14th of June I sailed from Port Royal in company with the Amphion Captain Brown: we had an uncommon fine passage to the Havannah, where we was to be seen from thence the Spaniards are carrying on war: on the 16th we took our departure from the land of Antigua, and having on the 21st got clear through the Gulf of Florida parted company from the Amphion and proceeded in my way to America and on the 27th arrived at Halifax, having on board nine hundred negroes in fifty two days, two out of which we lay to, having mistaken the land of Cuba: this uncommon passage was made without a gale of wind, the water as smooth as in a river: upon my arrival I found Commodore Sawyer, ready with his

quadron to proceed to Quebec, and he gave me orders to set as fast as possible, and to expect to be ready in a few days.

I have now to enter on a subject that gives me pain to communicate to Your Majesty, which is Fidge, my surgeon from length of service and old age has been obliged to quit the ship, and will deliver this letter to Lord Howe. I take the liberty of strongly recommending him to Your Majesty as having been a faithful and diligent servant: he first went to serve the service with the Duke of Cumberland's Land and has ever since been most handsomely employed: he has been about fifteen months with me and his conduct in the duty of the ship has been most exemplary, and towards myself as a reward at during my being out of order he has exerted his diligence as usually to meet my return: I therefore take the liberty of again recommending him to Your Majesty's notice, and having request Your Majesty would be graciously pleas'd to have him appointed Surgeon to the first yard that shall want: if I may so far presume to mention that Fidge is from the town of Portsmouth, and that should

What year I fall vacant, Your Majesty would confer an additional
favour on him by promoting him to that place.

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My stay at Halifax is so short, and I have really had so much busi-
ness to get the ship ready for sea and to take my share of the
port duty that I have scarce been able to take a penient and no
thing has occurred since I arrived: tomorrow I am ordered to lay
sails with the fleet for Quebec, the Leander, Ariadne, Resource,
Pegasus and Wesel Begg, the British Sloop of war is gone
up the Bay of Fundy. I shall depend on the honour of writ-
ting to Your Majesty all our transactions up the river
St. Lawrence.

I am, Sir,
Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most devoted Mando. Collyer



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Prince William
July 4 1907.