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H. Halifax
Nov: 11: 1707.

My dear Brother,

Since Fleet went from Quebec, I have been
in various situations, which it is now my design to make known
to you: on the 10th October we sailed with the fleet from Quebec to Halifax
and got out of the river St. Lawrence the 1st of November: in the morning
of the 1st it blew hard & the Commodore endeavoured to get into anchor
age in Chaleur Bay; and being which he struck the ground: I was
not in my ship twice her length from the Land, when she got a
ground: assist. I thought some men were fallen on board, but im-
mediately perceiving my mistake. I recovered my ship clear of all
danger: the Commodore remained about three miles to the westward
of us when he luckily forced the ship off with a puff of sail:
we then immediately proceeded into Halifax Bay: the Commodore re-
turned his family round to Quebec & was never returning with them to

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Halifax: you may therefore easily conceive the terror of these young la-
- dies when the ship made five feet water in a hour: I proposed to the
Commodore to give up my cabin to his family, which he did not ac-
- cept without much persuasion of my side: however on the 19th he hin-
- ed his Broad Pendant on board my ship & brought his family
with him, my endeavours were not made every thing as pleasant & con-
- venient as possible for the ladies: they seem'd satisfied & I am
sorry the shortness of the notice would not allow my accommodating
them better: the 20th we arriv'd at Halifax after a remarkable fine pas-
- sage: I found here a letter from my agent to Messrs. J. & W. Maunde-
Downing Street Westminster with a long state of accounts of their
- ing the sum of £95⁰ 11⁶ to be paid them: you, my dear Brother,
will know my inability to furnish the money: all my other bills
of my trade are now & when were paid, in short I am not
- perfectly at a stand for credit & such I have no room to have
for money before it is due & I can say no thing of him but his not
- accepting my draft: and so you will find my agent to account & I do not

must request you will desire Col. Hutchinson to call on my tradesmen
 & collect their bills, in order that I may be aware of any debts: since
 last part of my year till now nothing to my knowledge has
 been paid: Paul & Pelier is my principal creditor & the over and
 so must settle with him he is not troublesome for the money: the
 latter and perfumer and Taylor: as indeed they all are, stand
 in the same predicament: I am bound in reputation of a
 packet before Paul for the West Indies, which is to be next Thurs-
 day; by his Reports have letters that will instruct me how to pro-
 ceed: from the convulsed situation of Europe & several propo-
 sitions I have offered my views to His Majesty & Lord Chamberlain
 have taken the liberty of supplying for the French part of it
 guns on two decks: you will I trust believe me when I assure
 you my ambition is but to maintain that friendship that
 I may distinguish myself by a French American flag: make
 interest with the King's interest: have the French part: you may
 do something about this account with my agents: perhaps a certain
 person will lend you some money: I am your servant
 J. M.

The Duke of Devonshire
Nov. 11. 1707.