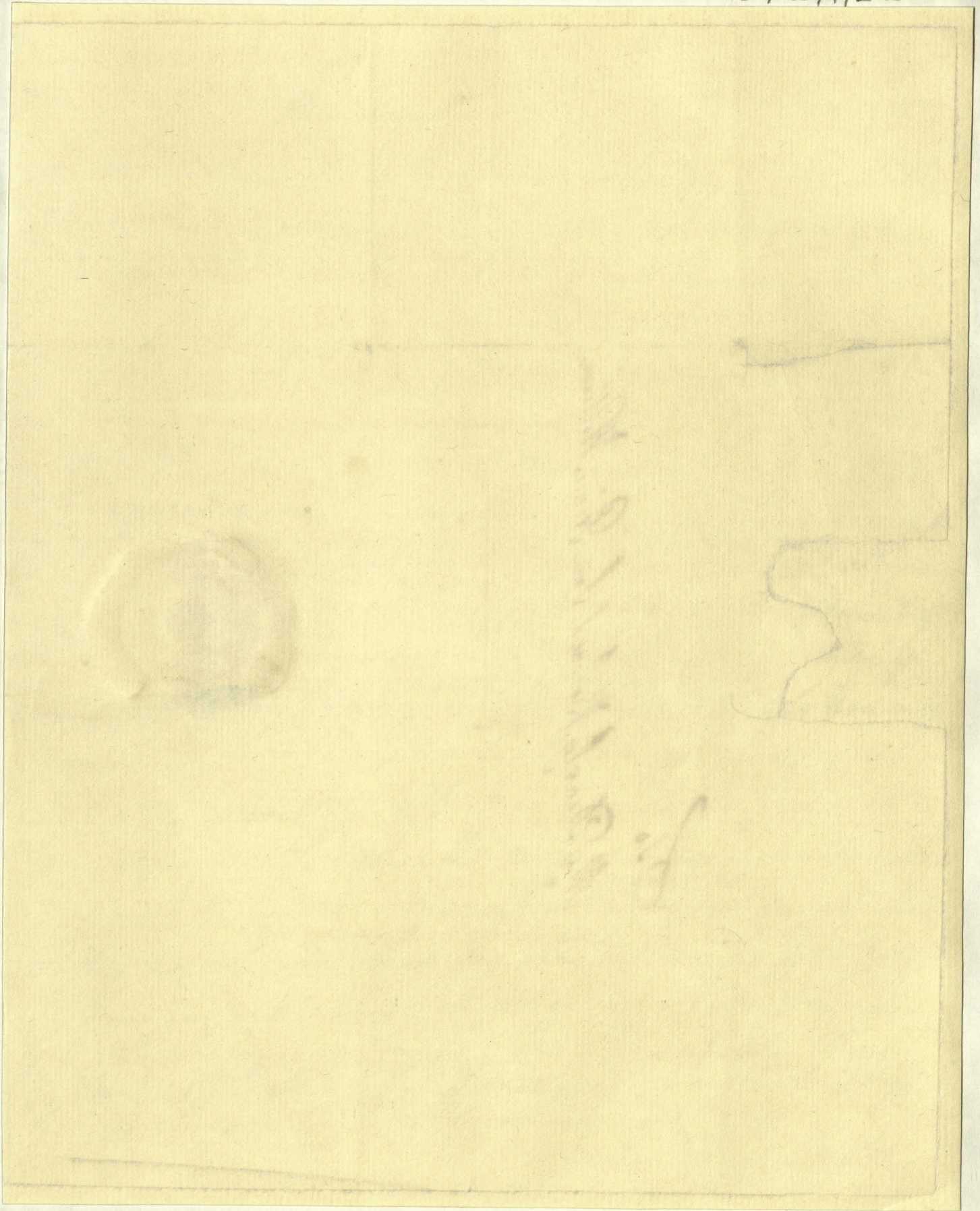


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To
My Darling Beloved Son Prince William



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Queen's House March 2^o 1740.

Dear William, It is with infinite Satisfaction I have received your letters the first through the hands of Capt. Thompson of the America, the second through those of Capt. Thompson of the Hydra and the third Yesterday was brought by Capt. M. Brides. You may easily guess the joy I felt at the Bravery, Skill, and Humanity shewn on this glorious occasion, and that from the Admiral down to the lowest Men in the Fleet that conduct has appear'd which makes them an Honour to their Country and Profession. I am sincerely happy that your conduct has been such as to deserve the Approbation of your Admiral, Dear William you cannot doubt that if on your returning to Spithead Rear Admiral Digby thinks it proper you may come to Us, that the Queen and I shall feel great joy at seeing you again. Be steadfast in a due Subordination to your Superiours and when the Service of your Country makes you meet its Enemies, remember that though an affectionate Father my sole wish is that you should there do your Duty; let your conduct in the first Action you have seen, encourage you ever to behave as properly. This letter probably will not find you at Gibraltar, but at all hazard I did not think it right that Capt. Thompson should return without a line from your most affectionate Father

Dear W^m your most affectionate Father
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