

New Sept. 6. 1752.

Dear William, On Monday I had the satisfaction of receiving your letter of the 29.th of July, which arose not only from its being the strongest proof of the recovery of your Arm but also from your confessing how improper your conduct has been, and your intention thoroughly to reform. At your Age it is to be hoped you are apprized of the weight that attends a promise and consequently of the real aggravation if not attended with the ~~most~~ scrupulous compliance.

Having heard that the French Fleet left the Cape three Weeks before Admiral Digott sailed for North America my mind will not be at ease till I find you are safe. I have wrote to Rear Admiral Digby that if he cannot go to the West Indies this Campaign; I desire you may be put on board Lord Hood who I trust will very fully in regard to you follow the Plan I gave to Rear Admiral Digby, and that consequently when you return to him he will find no change but that improvement in practical knowledge which can alone be acquired by Service. I trust you will be very attentive to every advice you will receive from Lord Hood, as well as from Mr. Majendie whose health will I trust enable him to attend you. You ought to have no opportunity of Corresponding with Mr. Digby whilst absent from him; and I flatter myself Mr. Majendie will be enabled to send Mr. Such Accounts as will set my mind at ease that your Religious principles have not suffered by the idle discourse of some of the young persons you may have met

met with, indeed Dear William the older you grow the more you
will meet with trials that nothing can support but a real trust in the
Assistance of Divine Providence, and how can that be expected unless
by due obedience to the Will of the All mighty; besides consider how
uncertain the length of our continuance in this World, and consequently
how soon called on to attonce for our conduct. Having now given you
enough advice if you thoroughly reflect upon it before I conclude
I cannot help mentioning an event that has I own very much
afflicted Me it has pleased the All Wise Director of all things
to put a period to the life of dear little Alfred, who certainly was
as fine a Child as ever was seen; the Queen seems to feel it so
strongly though indeed she calls Religion most sincerely to
her Assistance, that it adds to my distress, and indeed it behoves
all Her Children so to conduct themselves that she may
have that comfort which Her virtues deserve. Believe me ever

Dear William

Your most Affectionate Father

George