

My dearest William. You must by this time be in possession of my answer which wrote by the last Messenger. I am sorry to find by another letter of Yours that You continue talking of Your disposition towards Melancholy. it is a thing so little known in Your Family that I cannot think so serious, particularly as You say that it arises from the dislike You have to the place You are at, & that You are sensible of not being liked. You also say that You do not live nor mix much with the Company on account of that. The very great readiness which was shown by all the Hannoverians to render that Capital agreeable to Frederick, & the manner in which he has, & indeed every body else, received their Civility, is so much in their favour, that I cannot without injustice, suspect them of Neglect towards You, & I fear that You may be Yourself the cause of Your disappointment. for a disinclination to mix with people is very near despising them. You appear rather inclined to dislike every Thing that

You know has been thought of as necessary towards Your improvement, if such is Your disposition You deserve pity indeed, for no Profession whatever kind does exclude knowledge learning, or the behaviour & manners of a Gentleman nay. It has always been lamented that Education in Your profession has hitherto been neglected, & I have the pleasure to tell You that there is at present several of the Young Captains of the Navy so desirous of making up for the time they have lost that they are gone to Academies in order to gain some knowledge: & You may be certain that if You continue to oppose every means the King takes for Your improvement, You will always be wretched Yourself & embitter the lives of those who have the misfortune to surround You & depend on You.

I am at a great loss to understand what You mean by saying that You have Enemies who either write or talk against You. they are God knows quite unknown to me, & if

flatter myself only imaginary even to Yourself, I shall
however wait with patience Your Letter by the next
Messenger in which You promise to explain many
mischies.

I am glad to find that Your Ball did go off so
well & that every Body was so well entertained
The Winter Amusements must now be begun & You
will doubtless partake of them. I saw Admiral Digby
last Saturday, but not His Lady, She must be one of
Your American acquaintance, ^{as} she is half Sister to Lady
Keith's only other.

I beg my Compliment to General Bude & hope
to hear that He is well.

I am my Dearest William. Your very Affectionate
Mother & Friend.
Charlotte

Queens Lodge Windsor
the 4th of Janry.
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