

Pegasus
 to Governor Ponds.
 June 5. 1786.

Sir,

Upon the receipt of your Majesty's letter

I determined to write as soon as my sailing orders had been received.

However it was out of my power to do anything, as we were obli-

ged to pay our debts to the ship. Last Thursday

Commander Elliot sent me my orders & instructions from that

time till Sunday every body on board the Pegasus was very busi-

ly employed getting the ship ready for sea. Captain Murray and

at daylight & we arrived here this day. As Captain Ellison of the
Dreadnought to his company with the two frigates as far as
the extent of his station, which is to theilly islands, I shall
not till then take my final leave of Your Majesty.

With a letter from Sir R. Hoare received

a copy of the orders Your Majesty has thought proper that I should
carry to the commanding officers on the different foreign stations
by which I understand the Tigris is to remain abroad till
the month of October of the year eighty seven. This situation
and by this means put out of acquiring local knowledge
must give satisfaction to every officer, who wishes to be made master
of his post. In this as well as in other things I feel

Your Majesty's attention to my good. During my absence I shall
 use all my endeavours to profit by the opportunity; the master
 of the ship shall be employed in making discoveries, attend-
 ed by a very good draftsman, who I have appointed to the
 schoolmaster's board. My public character as a of-
 ficer I have ever from the first moment I entered into the
 navy used to apply to my profession I earn with confidence
 my have ever gained my commanding officer's approbation;
 in my present public situation my conduct towards
 the different Flag Officers, as desired, is under the Regatta
 will be, I shall guide with the greatest propriety, for this
 lastly under command and being, not to have the officers of his

Squadrons have differed. In my private conduct I shall
adhere to Your Majesty's instructions. I have received by
letter so that I may with the utmost propriety subscribe

myself.

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and dutiful Son and Subject,

W. Pitt

George William

5th June 1708