

Torbay,  
Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Sir,

I have to return Your Majesty my  
thanks for the gracious letter of the 2<sup>th</sup> 6, which I received last  
Thursday.

I shall always remember, that the advice, it contains, is for my  
good; & it will be my constant endeavour to observe it, as  
long as I live. I am certain, that, if I do behave myself in  
the manner prescribed in Your Majesty's two letters, & parti-  
-cularly in that, delivered to me, by General de Bude, I shall

keep up the fame of our illustrious family. With the advice of  
such tender parents, & with the other assistance I have, I hope to  
be hereafter of use to my country, & a comfort & honour to my pa-  
rents & relations.

I have been formerly very much displeas'd with General de  
Budi. But now I am as much attach'd to him: & I wish  
that, if ever I return (for I may be kill'd) I may give your  
Majesty & him, as much satisfaction, as possible.

It will not, I hope, be disagreeable to your Majesty, if I should  
mention what has happen'd since I had the honour of writing  
to her Majesty.

The wind being Westerly, we were oblig'd to make for Torbay,  
where Sr Charles Hardy made the Sig. for anchoring about  
half after five P.M.

Yesterday, Admiral Digby gave a great dinner, where were  
present Admirals Turby & Ross, & several Captains.

I have been three times on shore with Admiral Digby. He has allowed me to begin to swim. I have been twice in the water, with which I am very much delighted.

The Hector & Porcupine have taken two Spanish prizes. S<sup>r</sup> Charles Hardy & his Son have paid us a visit.

Last Thursday, there being a Court Martial on board the Britannia, I attended it, & was interested in it.

Yesterday I dined on board the Victory, & afterwards went on shore, & into the water.

Will your Majesty be graciously pleased to thank the Queen in my name for her good wishes, & assure her, that, as I know how she wishes me to behave, I will keep as strictly, as I can, to her desire.

General de Bude has written me a very affectionate letter, which I am afraid I cannot answer at present, being very much engaged, & the fleet being expected to sail tomorrow. The same reason prevents me writing to the Prince of Wales, to whom I beg your Majesty to make my excuses.

I wish your Majesty joy of the good accounts from America, & hope that we shall soon receive word of a victory. We are all in spirits to sail. For Sir Charles Hardy has made the signal for the fleet to unmoor. We expect to weigh tomorrow, & sail.

I conclude my letter by desiring Your Majesty to present my duty to the Queen, & my love to my Brothers & Sisters.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's

Most affectionate & dutiful Son,

William.

Ben<sup>ts</sup> William

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