

Prince George at Sea.
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Sir,

I am very happy
to congratulate Your Majesty upon the success of
the fleet under Sir George Rodney & to give you an
account of what I myself saw.

Yesterday morning
we fell in with a fleet, which proved to be a Spa-
nish fleet of Merchantmen bound from S.

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Sebastian to Cadix under the convoy of a 64 gun
ship, 4 Frigates, & 2 Sloops, laden with corn & naval
stores. They sailed to the number of 27 from S.
Sebastian; but four had parted company; we
took all the rest; & were informed that another con-
voy was to sail from the same place, bound to Ca-
dix, & laden with the same commodities, four
days after they had.

I have been present at the taking of the first line
of battle ship this war, & hope to see such a num-
ber of them taken before the end of it, as that our
enemies, who have undertaken the war upon such
unfair grounds, may suffer for their temerity. This
I wish may be the beginning of a successful year.

The Queen & all the family
I am sure, will rejoice at the news; to whom

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I beg Your Majesty to present my best wishes & con-
gratulations on this success; & to believe me,

Sir

Your Majesty's most dutiful
& affectionate Son,

William.

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