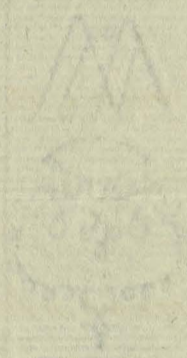


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As I had frequently had occasion to be  
 dissatisfied with Lieutenant Schomberg's Conduct, for want  
 of respect to me as his commanding Officer, and more  
 particularly so whilst his Majesty's Ship Pegasus was  
 refitting in English Harbour, I thought proper on the  
 12<sup>th</sup> January 1787, to write Mr. Schomberg the following Letter.

(N<sup>o</sup> 1) Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, 12. January  
 Sir. 1787.

From my situation in the World, more is  
 expected from me than from any other Captain in his  
 Majesty's Service, and since His Majesty has thought proper  
 to honour me with the command of the Pegasus, I have ever  
 endeavoured to conduct the business of the Ship to the  
 advantage of the Service, with mildness towards the Officers  
 and

and Men, and have ever studied to avoid shewing my  
authority in a disagreeable or imperious manner. I have  
more to do with you from your situation in the Ship as  
first Lieutenant, than with any other of the Officers;  
it is incumbent on you to promote and rigidly follow  
all directions and orders you may from time to time  
receive from me as your commanding Officer, and by  
no means whatsoever make the least objection, as it is  
directly contrary to that respect which is ordered and  
directed by the Articles of War to be shown by every  
inferior Officer to their superior. — I am sorry to  
say, that in your general Conduct from the 5<sup>th</sup> October  
1786 when in Halifax Harbour until the date of  
this Letter, many and various have been the objections  
made by you to what I have thought conducive to the  
better disciplining of his Majesty's Ship under  
my Command, particularly so, when on Monday  
the 9<sup>th</sup> instant, Captain Nelson, Senior Officer of his  
Majesty's

Majesty's ships in this Harbour; had ordered me to transport the Pegasus into Freeman's Bay, when you observed to me, that since I had been in company with other ships, I had constantly found fault with you in your duty: likewise your negligence in not complying with my orders concerning sheets, to be sent for from the Hospital, intended for the use of the sick on board, and the style in which you this morning answered me, when I called to you concerning these sheets, as I was rowing on shore in the Rattler's Boat, at that time I was on the point of ordering you into arrest, for disobedience of Orders and neglect of duty. I am happy I did not take that Step, as Courts Martial upon Officers are things of a most disagreeable nature and ever to be avoided if possible, more particularly so in a Ship commanded by a Person of so elevated a situation of life as Providence has thought proper to place me in, and likewise from the uneasiness of mind I should feel in bringing an Officer before a Military Tribunal, who ever has served with  
distinction

distinction, and is patronized by the ablest and most  
honourable Officers in our Service. My Lord Hood.

These Sir, and these only, were my  
motives for not writing for a Court Martial on You;  
I hope you will consider this Letter, though on his  
Majesty's Service, as an admonition to you: there  
are few Officers in his Majesty's Service, more  
zealous or more conversant with the duty of an Officer  
or blessed with better sense than you, and I hope that  
for the future, I shall find your Conduct in these  
respects altered, otherwise, I must though ever so  
reluctantly, be obliged to bring matters to a disagreeable  
issue.

Before I conclude, I must inform  
you that M. Whitehead, who I consider as my private  
Secretary, and therefore bound to secrecy, has wrote this  
Letter and not my Clerk. I do not either mean to enter

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it into my public, but into my private Letter Book.

I am Sir

Lieutenant Schomberg

Your most obedient Servant

of his Majesty's Ship Pegasus.

William.

To which, he made this answer.

N<sup>o</sup> 1.

Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, <sup>th</sup> 13, January.

Sir,

1787.

Your Royal Highness's Letter of last Night has given me infinite Concern, and did not feel myself innocent of the accusations contained in it, should esteem the manner in which your Royal Highness has thought proper to reprove and admonish me, one of the greatest marks of your Royal Favor.

I have ever considered the elevated Situation of your Royal Highness, and how much I have been honoured by serving in a Ship under your immediate Command; This Sir and other private Reasons would stamp me with

unmerited

unmerited and disgraceful Epithet of an Ingrate did  
I act contrary to your wishes, and as an undeserving  
Officer if contrary to your Orders.

Since my appointment to the present  
moment, I have ever made it my Study, by an unwearied  
and indefatigable attention to the duty of the Ship, to  
merit and deserve your Royal Highness's approbation,  
and not to have unintentionally incurred your  
displeasure.

The visible change in your Royal  
Highness's conduct since the Pegasus arrived in  
English Harbour might perhaps have drawn from  
me the expression which you allude to on Monday  
the 9<sup>th</sup>, in consequence of the observation your Royal  
Highness made use of previous to it. "That of late  
there seem'd to be nothing but Difficulties, objections &c."  
these pointed Reproofs Sir from an Officer of  
your distinguished Rank must make me feel most  
sensibly so undeser'd a Rebuke, particularly as I have

ever



ever shown an arduous Zeal in forwarding the Service, and happy in having on former occasions acquitted myself to the Satisfaction of my Captain.

My not sending to the Hospital for the sheets, I confess Sir was an Neglect, but I had little conceived your Royal Highness would have deem'd it of so heinous an nature, as from the multiplicity of other duties, and that to be carried on with so very few men, and only two Boats those almost constantly employed made me perhaps neglect one Service in order to facilitate another.

Your Royal Highness must certainly have not distinctly heard my answer relative to the sheets, as you would not have term'd it disrespectful, It was I fancy as near these words as possible. "I have not yet sent for them Sir as the Boats and few men we had, had been constantly employed, and no Boat had been to the Hospital."

This will I trust be accepted by your Royal Highness as a just vindication of my Conduct, and that I shall not deserve the Censure which you have placed

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on me, as having been guilty of so capital an offence  
as to merit a Court. Martial.

I thank you Sir for the good  
opinion you are pleased to entertain of me as an  
Officer which I shall ever exert myself in preserving  
unsullied for my own Credit, as well as those who  
have honor'd and may hereafter think me deserving  
their Patronage.

I am Sir

with the greatest respect

To

His Royal Highness  
Prince William Henry.

Your Royal Highness's most  
obedient and humble servant.

A. Schomberg.

and as I did not consider his answer, as respectful  
as it ought to be from an inferior to a superior at all  
times, but more particularly so when the inferior is  
found fault with by the superior, and as I was  
desirous to avoid carrying matters to a disagreeable issue.

I wrote him a second Letter, viz.

N<sup>o</sup>. 2. Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, 13<sup>th</sup> January 1787.

Sir,

After the Letter I last night wrote you, I must confess it was with surprise I this morning received yours in answer to mine, in which you positively deny every Charge I there exhibited against you, even the peculiar circumstance of the conversation you had with me whilst in the Rattle's Boat. With respect to the omission of your duty in not sending for the Sheets when I ordered you, it is that sort of thing that may happen either through forgetfulness or through omission to any man, for no man can at all times do right, but to deny that you have shewn me disrespect as your commanding Officer on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> instant in His Majesty's Careening Yard Antigua, is a thing I cannot pass over: with respect to the affair of the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1786 in Halifax Harbour, I will now refresh your memory, which was interfering with, and giving your opinion in an affair which from the nature of the Naval Instructions lays

solely

solely in the breast of the Captain. I mean, when  
you gave me your Sentiments unasked on the  
propriety of punishing William Hintsone, Seaman,  
and William Mudden, Marine, for hanging up  
their cloaths to dry between decks. I did not then  
take notice of your disrespect towards me, as it  
was the first instance of your impropriety of  
Conduct, and I was unwilling to push things to an  
extremity at once; in your letter you observe to me,  
you have ever gained the approbation of your Captain,  
it is my firm belief, if you had represented in that  
manner to the Honourable William Cornwallis,  
Captain of His Majesty's ship Canada in the  
late War, when he thought proper to inflict  
punishments, he would have taken it up at  
once. I have now Sir, to inform you as your  
commanding Officer, and as Captain of His  
Majesty's ship Pegasus, I shall be obliged

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though ever so reluctantly, and against my inclination,  
to bring you to a Court-Martial for disobedience of  
Orders, Neglect of Duty, and disrespect to me as your  
Commanding Officer, unless you make me full and  
ample concessions for your impropriety of conduct.

I am Sir

Lieutenant Isaac Schomberg  
of his Majesty's Ship Pegasus.

Your most obedient Servant  
William..

In answer to which, he sent me the following Letter.

N<sup>o</sup> 2. Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, 14, January

Sir,

1787.

As it is impossible for me to answer your Royal  
Highness's Letter of yesterday, in so full expressive  
and perhaps, Satisfactory a Manner as I could wish.

I shall therefore esteem myself much honor'd  
by your Royal Highness, favoring me with an  
Interview in presence of the Officers of the Pegasus,

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in order to vindicate my Conduct before matters are  
carried to the extremities which your Royal Highness  
have threaten'd. I am Sir,

with the greatest respect

Your Royal Highness's

most obedient and very

His Royal Highness

humble Servant

Prince William Henry.

J. Schomberg.

As he express'd a wish of seeing me in the presence  
of the other Lieutenants of the Ship, I accordingly  
complied with his request, in hopes he would  
then before his brother Officers, make proper  
concessions for his ill Conduct, which he was so  
far from doing, that he solemnly asserted he was  
innocent of the Charge. I then ordered him into  
arrest on the 14<sup>th</sup> January, and prepared the following  
Letter and narrative of facts, to send to the Commander  
in Chief whenever he should arrive in the West Indies.

Sir,

Lieutenant Schomberg having behaved with disrespect to me as his commanding Officer on sundry occasions, and having neglected his duty in disobeying my Orders for not sending to the Hospital at Antigua for Sheets, intended to be distributed to the sick on board, when his Majesty's Ship Pegasus was detained in Port from her state of sickness; and having disrespectfully answered me in the Prater's Boat concerning these Sheets, I on the 14<sup>th</sup> January suspended him from his duty, and have to request you will be pleased to enquire into the affair, as you judge best.

Enclosed I have the honour to send you a narration of the matter, and the correspondence between Mr. Schomberg and myself.

I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant  
 William,  
 To the Commanding Officer  
 of His Majesty's Ships and  
 Vessels employed and to be employed at the Leeward Islands.

1.<sup>st</sup> Whilst his Majesty's Ship Pegasus lay  
in Halifax Harbour, I was going to punish William  
Hinkson, Seaman, and William Madden, Marine, for  
hanging up their cloaths to dry between-decks, Mr.  
Schomberg came up to me and said / no person being  
present / the particular words I cannot now mention  
from the length of time since the affair happened / but  
the intent of these words, were, that if We punished  
for every trifling offence, We should make ourselves  
unpopular, and be constantly punishing. — This  
language from a first Lieutenant to his Captain  
when on his Majesty's Service, struck me at that  
time as highly disrespectful and improper. I then  
said nothing to him, not wishing to push things to  
extremity at once.

2. During the passage of his Majesty's Ship  
Pegasus from Halifax to the West Indies, I thought  
proper to give out the following Order. "It is my  
positive orders and directions that the Officers and  
Midshipmen



Midshipmen belonging to his Majesty's Ships under my Command, be not prevented when at Sea, from spreading abaft the Mizzen Mast or hanging up in the mizen rigging their cloaths, so long as the things hung up, do not impede his Majesty's Service, and it is expected that these things are taken down as soon as they are dry." Mr. Schouberg thought that I had given this Order on account of my disapprobation of his proceedings with Mr. Church's things hanging up in the Mizzen-rigging:—after dinner, Mr. Schouberg sent William Gunn, my Servant, into the Cabin, to beg leave to speak to me on the King's Service; He then asked me if he had incurred my displeasure in taking these things of Mr. Church's down, which he conceived he had, by the Order that I had given out concerning the drying of cloaths, I told him he had not, though, I thought he had greatly abused his power in taking down these things, which if I had thought they ought to have been taken down, I would myself have ordered; I did so,

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to avoid bringing matters at that time to a disagreeable explanation. He then went on by informing me of the little respect that was shown him by the Officers, particularly Lieutenant Hope, in asking my leave to exercise the Boarders. — Mr. Schomberg said he thought these things should go through him, otherwise, it was making a bipher of the day Officer, and if that was the case, He would rather keep his Watch; this conversation appeared to me highly disrespectful, but I was still desirous of keeping this disagreeable explanation off, until his Majesty's Service would require my exerting my authority as commanding Officer, still hoping Mr. Schomberg would remember the respect due from a Lieutenant to his Captain.

<sup>13</sup>  
3. That in his Majesty's Careening Yard  
antigua, I gave Mr. Schomberg orders to prepare to  
transport the ship down to Freeman's Bay, after  
Captain Nelson the Senior Officer of His Majesty's  
Ships in this Harbour, had ordered me to move  
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the Ship, he made objections that from the sickness of the Ship's Company and the few men left to do duty, it would be a long and tedious business to get the Stores on board: I then told him it was sufficient for me to propose, for him ever to object, that no other Officer of his Majesty's West India Squadron, had ever objected to the orders of the Commander in Chief, and that Captain Collingwood of his Majesty's Sloop Rattler, had had his marines at Watch and Watch in the Dock Yard, and had not represented the business to Captain Nelson the Senior Officer. He Mr. Schomberg then replied, that since I had been in Company with other Ships, I had ever found fault with him on duty, and he had made objections for the good of his Majesty's Service, and for the conveniency and comfort of the Ship's Company in general. This answer so surpris'd and hurt me that I was on the point of coming to an explanation with him at that time, and ordering him into arrest, but that

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I deferred it, until the Ship's Company were afloat: this affair happened on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1787.

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11, That on the 10<sup>th</sup> January, I ordered Mr. Schomberg to send to the Hospital for sheets for the use of the sick on board, that on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> He informed me of the Steward's refusing them, as it was unusual and unprecedented a thing in his Majesty's Service, in the course of that day I settled it with the Surgeon of the Hospital, and ordered Mr. Schomberg to send for them as soon as the people had dined. On the 13<sup>th</sup> when I returned from St. John's, I observed with surprise and astonishment that the sheets had not yet been sent for: as I was pulling on shore in the Rattler's Boat, I called to Mr. Schomberg on the Quarter Deck, why he had not sent for them, he replied, the multiplicity of business, and the few men were the reasons; it was not the words themselves, but the manner in which they were delivered, appeared to me to be disrespectful, I then wrote him Letter N<sup>o</sup>. 1. to which he answered in my opinion

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not with respect, but totally denying the charge, except  
the not sending for the sheets, and absolutely pleading  
innocent of the disrespect. I thought he shewed me in  
the manner of his answer concerning these sheets, as may be  
seen by his Letter N<sup>o</sup> 1. I then wrote Letter N<sup>o</sup> 2, to which  
he answered he was still innocent of every charge,  
and wished to exculpate himself before his  
brother Officers, as N<sup>o</sup> 2 from him will prove. From  
my desire to avoid bringing Mr. Schomberg to  
a Court-Martial, I thought proper to comply with  
his request, and summoned the Officers in my  
Cabin, still hoping he would there make proper  
concessions for his impropriety of conduct. So far  
from that, he asserted solemnly he was innocent of  
every charge; upon which I confined him as  
a prisoner at large, for disrespect to me as his  
commanding Officer on sundry instances, and  
for his Neglect of Duty in disobeying my orders  
concerning

concerning these Sheets, particularly when his Majesty's  
Ship Pegasus was detained in Port from her state of  
sickness

William.

Upon W. Schomberg's being put into arrest, he  
thought proper to write me the following Letter:

N<sup>o</sup> 3. Pegasus in English Harbour Antigua, 14. January

Sir,

1787.

In consequence of your Royal Highness  
having thought proper to put me under an arrest this  
morning... I must request you will inform me whether  
I am to consider the last Letter I had the honour to receive  
as the Charges exhibited against me, or whether your  
Royal Highness means to furnish me with them. I am Sir,

with the greatest respect

Your Royal Highness's  
most obedient and very

humble Servant,

His Royal Highness

Prince William Henry.

J. Schomberg.

Which

Which, I answered as follows.

N<sup>o</sup> 3. Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, <sup>th</sup> 14. January

Sir,

1787.

I have to acknowledge your Letter of this days date, and in compliance with your request, I send you enclosed a copy of my Letter to the Commander in Chief. I intend for him as soon as he arrives, and a copy of the narration. I mean to give him as a further insight into this affair.

With respect to your liberty, I do by no means consider you as a prisoner, but as an Officer suspended from his duty, and any thing that lays in my power to make your situation comfortable or agreeable I shall with pleasure do, as I wish to carry on this affair merely for the good of His Majesty's Service, and without any private pique of my side. I am Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Lieutenant Isaac Schomberg

William.

of His Majesty's Ship Pegasus.

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The next morning the 15<sup>th</sup> January, Mr. Hargood the second Lieutenant, delivered me a message from Mr. Schomberg, that he was ready to make me every concession. I thought proper; I then sent for him into the Cabin, where before his brother Officers, he made me a full and ample apology for his past misconduct; upon this, I reinstated him in his command, and was in hopes that Mr. Schomberg would pay more attention to his future deportment. — On the 22<sup>d</sup> January in the morning, I saw a boat going on shore to his Majesty's careening yard Antigua, upon which, I went on Deck, and asked the Midshipman of the Watch, Mr. Smollet, who had sent the Boat on shore, he told me he had, without acquainting Mr. Schomberg for whom I immediately sent, told Mr. Schomberg I had been extremely angry with Mr. Smollet for presuming to send a Boat on shore without his leave, as I should be with Mr. Schomberg himself, if he ever was to send a Boat on shore without having first obtained my permission



permission. - at noon the same day, to my utter surprise  
 and astonishment upon my coming on deck, I saw Mr.  
 Garnier going on shore in one of the Ship's Boats, I called  
 him back to know, by whom he had been sent on Shore, he  
 replied, Mr. Schomberg, to whom I turned round, as he was  
 standing on the Quarter Deck, and told him he had  
 disobeyed my positive orders of this morning - the next  
 day the 23, January. I thought proper to give out the following  
 Order: "From Mr. Schomberg's neglecting to inform me  
 yesterday of his sending a Boat on shore, and Mr. Smollet's  
 doing the same; I think proper to recommend the reading  
 over of these Orders with attention by the Officers and  
 Gentlemen; as for the future, I shall make them accountable  
 for their Conduct in disobeying my Commands or Orders,  
 I may from time to time give out." upon my reading  
 this Order to Mr. Schomberg, he observed to me, it was  
 throwing out a reproach against his Conduct before  
 the Officers and Ship's Company, and as he did not

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feel himself guilty of the Charge, he was determined to  
exculpate himself before his brother Officers, this  
language appeared to me so highly improper, that  
I stopt him short by ordering him to see every thing  
ready to move the Ship, as she was that morning to be  
warped down from English Harbour into Freeman's Bay.  
I dined in the Country that day, and upon my return  
on board in the Evening, I found the following Letter, and  
the enclosed on my Table.

Pegasus, English Harbour Antigua, 23 January.

Sir,

1787.

Your Royal Highness's having thought  
proper this morning, to charge me in the General Order  
Book with Neglect of Duty, of which I by no means feel  
myself culpable, I have therefore in order to vindicate my  
conduct, wrote the enclosed Letter to the Senior Officer  
of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels employed in these

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Shas, to request he will, whenever an opportunity offers,  
order a Court. Martial to enquire into the justness of  
it. I am Sir

with the greatest respect

Your Royal Highness's

most Obedient & humble servant

His Royal Highness's

Prince William Henry.

Schomberg.

Pegasus, in English Harbour Antigua, January 23<sup>rd</sup>,

Sir,

1781.

As his Royal Highness's Prince William Henry  
Commander of his Majesty's ship Pegasus, has thought  
proper this morning to accuse me with neglect of Duty in  
in the General Order Book of which I do not conceive  
myself Guilty.

I must therefore in Vindication of my Conduct  
as an Officer beg you will be pleased, whenever an  
opportunity may offer, to order a Court. Martial on me to

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enquire into the Charges alledged against me.

Enclond I have the honour to send you  
acopy of the accusation for your Perusal.

I am Sir,

Your most obedient  
and very humble servant,

To

Horatio Nelson Esq.

J. Schomberg. 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. of  
his Majesty's Ship Pegasus.

In his Letter, M<sup>r</sup>. Schomberg having acquainted me with  
his application to Captain Nelson the Senior Officer upon  
the West India Station to be tried by a Court Martial,  
I sent for him into the Cabin, and told him he was  
wrong: he answered me that I was grown so particular  
in the duty of the Ship, that no Officer could serve with  
me, and that they must be broke, and that he did this to clear  
his Character, and would then quit the Ship. I told him

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he should not quit the ship; as the Commander in Chief was not empowered by the Admiralty to let Officers return home from foreign Stations but for their health. Mr. Schomberg's applying to the Senior Officer on the Station for a Court Martial without his previous application to me his Captain, I consider as one of the greatest marks of disrespect that an inferior Officer can shew to his superior:— there must be an end of discipline in his Majesty's Naval Service in my humble opinion, if a Lieutenant, either because he dislikes the Captain he serves under, or because he disapproves of the orders this Captain thinks proper to give out for the better disciplining of the ship he has the Honour to Command, writes for a Court Martial to the Senior Officer on the Station at a time he is well aware there are not Ships enough to compose this Court; he likewise makes the innocent suffer for his impropriety of Conduct, in making

others

others do his duty from the smallness of the number of Officers  
allowed to a King's Ship. From these motives, I considered  
it as my duty to keep him a close Prisoner on board, more  
particularly so, as I received the following Letter from  
Captain Nelson, the Senior Officer on this Station,  
authorizing me to do so if I thought proper.

Boreas, 23. January 1787.

Sir,

I have the honour of acquainting your  
Royal Highness, that in consequence of a Letter which  
I this day received, from Lieutenant Schomberg, 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lieutenant of His Majesty's Ship Pegasus under your  
Command, I have thought proper to order him under  
arrest, and beg that you will grant him such Indulgencies,  
or lay such restrictions on him during his

arrest.

wrest, as his behaviour shall appear to you, to  
deserve, I have the honor to be Sir

Your Royal Highness's  
most obedient humble servant  
Horatio Nelson.

His Royal Highness  
Prince William Henry  
Captain of his Majesty's  
Ship: Pegasus.

From Mr. Schomberg's past conduct, and from his  
behaviour in this last affair, I cannot but look upon  
his conduct as down right mutiny, and as  
absolutely giving me the lie, when I taxed him with  
disobedience of orders the last time, and which it  
behoves me, both as an officer who is zealous for  
his Majesty's Service, and as a Man who has his  
own honour at Heart to prove the falshood of.

W. H.

H. R. H. Mr Duke  
of Clarence

1907.

L. Schomburg



After Mr. Schomberg had been twenty days in Confinement,  
 He thought proper to write me the following Letter:

Pegasus, Montserrat 12<sup>th</sup> February 1707.

Sir,

However difficult it may be to address  
 your Royal Highness in my present situation, yet I must  
 divest myself of that feeling, in order to call to my remembrance  
 the good opinion you was pleased to have formerly entertained of  
 me, the fear of having lost that, has given me infinite uneasiness;  
 to be infallible, would be more than to be Man. — I trust and  
 hope my Disposition has never been such as to be too obstinate  
 not to know when I have gone beyond the bounds of discretion. —  
 Should I therefore in this Instance have exceeded them, I hope your

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Royal Highness's Goodness will extend to forget and forgive. —

On my part I can with truth and confidence, say, that I am most sincerely sorry for what has passed, and that I doubt not but your Royal Highness will find me as sincerely as ever attached to your Royal Person. — Should your Royal Highness approve of my Concession, I will with your approbation write to Captain Nelson for leave to recall my Letter. — I have the honour to be

with the greatest respect

Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted and obedient Servant

J. Schomberg.

His Royal Highness

Prince William Henry.

which I answered in these Words.

Sir.

Pegasus, at Montserrat, 12<sup>th</sup> February 1787.

Sir,

I have to own the receipt of your Letter  
of this days date, and must confess myself very much surprised  
at your writing in the manner you have, after the conversation  
that passed previous to your last arrest. - It is now Sir too late;  
your misconduct has given me a lesson never to forgive an  
Officer for disrespect the first time, but much more so after an  
Officer has still treated me with greater marks of disrespect, in  
writing to the Commander in Chief, without his Letter going  
through my hands: - Had you been sensible at first of your  
error when I reinstated you in your Command, you would  
have endeavoured by your rigid obedience to all my Orders to  
have regained my good opinion, but as your conduct till  
Captain Nelson the Senior Officer on this Station thought  
proper

proper to order you into Arrest, was so diametrically opposite,  
I must prove for the good of His Majesty's Service, that  
disrespect from a Lieutenant to his Captain must and will  
be severely punished. I am

Sir

Lieutenant Schouberg  
of His Majesty's Ship

Your most obedient Servant

William.

Pegasus.

My motives for writing my answer in the manner I did, were  
these, that there must be a total subversion of Military  
discipline in His Majesty's Naval Service, if a Lieutenant  
is first of all put into Arrest by his Captain for disrespect  
to his Commanding Officer on sundry occasions, and for his neglect  
of duty in disobeying his positive orders, and then forgiven and  
reinstated; and in the course of a few days he again disobeys

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his Captain's Commands, who thinks proper to reprimand him  
in the public Order Book of the Ship, upon which this Lieutenant  
is again guilty of disrespect by writing to the Commander in Chief  
for a Court-Martial to exculpate himself without his Letter going  
through his Captain's hands, and is then put into arrest by this  
Commander in Chief, and after feeling the inconvenience of  
being a Prisoner, writes to his Captain how sensible he is of  
his obstinacy and indiscretion, and begs that his Captain  
will forget the business and forgive him; and with his  
approbation and concurrence he will write to the Commander  
in Chief to have his Letter requesting the Court-Martial  
recalled: If this is permitted to go on unpunished, there must  
be a final stop to all obedience and respect to superiors in the  
Royal Navy, and the Captain or Commander who passes over  
these things unpunished, is unworthy of having the honour

to

*to serve His Majesty.*



H. R. H. Mr Duke

J. K. K.

1707.

at Schomberg