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8th Dec. 1806.
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The Honorable
Edward Montague
Edward Boscawen
Admiral

Knightsfield Green 8 Dec. 1806

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My dear Sir

In my present state of mind nothing could have induced me to write but to relieve yours. My poor Son — who was so beautifully brought back, was seized with a fever w.h proved fatal. This unexpected stroke is almost too much for me.

Your letter & papers have been received & communicated to L.d Sheffield. Lord Sheffield is very busy owing to Mr Chapman's expectation with yours. Have in fortunate you had not communicated with him on the subject. Lord S has been uniformly in his endeavours to serve you. He has written to the Duke of Northumberland, to the Secretary of State & to Gov.r Carleton. The latter says Mr Chapman has a prior claim to Dresser in your case so the Duke of the Secretary of State — Their Dresser will decide the matter. Adieu God bless you

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