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^{letter}

Your 856 came to hand and found

me very ^{ill} em with a ^{fever} fixil. And still continues

all that I could do was to send ^{see} 724 with

directions who return'd this day in great haste
with the enclosed dispatch from C^o Gen^l. Also

assures me of the arrival of Adm^l Howe
with 60 ships of the Line and is join'd by
three more out of a fleet of 50 ^{of} 40 guns
and has sail'd for the Island and is supposed they
will be there before they can possibly reach you

also 8000 Troops are this day imbarquing
at White Stone for the before mentioned
Port. I am told for certain that the French
have only 7 sail of the Line. I great ly fear their
destruction. We hourly expect a number

of the Enemy in this Quarter for what end I
know not. You must excuse all imperfec-
tions at this time ^{on the account of my}
before mentioned ^{fever} fixil - nevertheless you have
~~all~~ perhaps all the Redfill. And Pray for
your cheer and exercise -

And of my own success

Sam^l Culper

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John Bolton

