

Nov. 12. 1804

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My Dear Sir.

I am happy in an opportunity of sending direct to England & still more happy that with respect to myself I have nothing unpleasant to communicate - God be thanked I have preserved my Health & Spirits most admirably, I have never felt anything like the approach of sickness & very seldom dreaded it - By the kindness of General Sir B. Trice I have a large and commodious Magazine pitched in a most healthy situation at the end of the rock the most remote from the town - I trust that you will feel some alarm and it will be useless for me to request that you will feel none, but I do beg that you will not suffer any idle reports to mix upon you

mind - Having stated as fully as I did in
my former letter all that was to be
apprehended, I trust you will credit me when
I mention what may now be hoped - The number
of Deaths is diminished by more than half
tho' the number of the sick is perhaps
increased. A convincing proof that the
violence of the Disorder is abating - Last
night was the most tempestuous one I ever
witnessed, with violent thunder lightning
rain & wind. After having gone five months
without rain conceive the torrents which
would fall upon the breaking up of the drought
This Change must produce an immense effect
upon the sickness and I trust my next will be
the bearer of good intelligence - Our scheme
with respect to the Georg's Protectorship is frustrated
by the unfortunate death of Mr Pitt's nephew &
therefore it will be as well to take no notice
of what I proposed. We have some reason to

believe that hostilities have commenced with
Spain - This you will know certainly in England
if so I trust my Gibraltar speculation may
not be disadvantageous - We were for some time
in fear that the Spaniards would attack the
Garrison but we no longer think of it. I never
this hasty war but the Malta Convoy is
not allowed to enter the Bay and I am fearful
of being too late with my Letter. with Sent
I have been your affectionate son
Robt. Palgrave.

Gibraltar. Oct. 10. 1804 -