

T O
H I S G R A C E,
J O H N,

Duke of *Bedford*, Marquiss of *Tavistock*,
Earl of *Bedford*, Baron *Russel*, Baron *Rus-*
sel of *Thornbaugh*, and Baron *Howland* of
Streatham ;

One of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State ; and Lord-Lieutenant, and Custos
Rotulorum of the County of BEDFORD.

My LORD,

THE following Narrative of a very
singular naval atchievement is ad-
dressed to Your GRACE, both on
account of the infinite obligations which the
Commander in Chief, at all times professes
to have received from your Friendship ; and
also, as the Subject itself naturally claims the
patronage of One, under whose direction,
the *British* Navy has resumed its ancient Spi-
rit and Lustre, and has in one summer en-
nobled itself by two victories, the most deci-
sive, and (if the strength and number of the
captures be considered) the most important,
that are to be met with in our Annals. In-
deed, an uninterrupted series of success, and
a manifest superiority gained universally over
the enemy, both in commerce and glory,