

understanding improved, having received a liberal Education,
his Character, so far as I have been able to learn it, is correct and
amiable. He is not what is called Handsome, he is well made, tall &
and slender, his Age 24. His parents both dead, one Mother who
is married and has a Family; and one Sister single, what his property
is I know not, The inclosed Letter will give you a further insight
into his Character, it is written with much plainness, without the least
mask of deception, and yet with every mark of respect, and attach-
ment, I am refer'd, you will see, to Commadore Bainbridge ^{of the} ~~Army~~ who
is now absent in Washington, in my reply to his Letter, you will see my
objections to his profession, that, he has offer'd to quit, if requir'd - but
Susan is too much of a patriot to require it.

The Letter to me and my reply
you will be so good as to return, as I have not a copy - you are at liberty
to keep a copy of both. I shall take the liberty of making some
further inquiries respecting him through a Friend at Washington, he has
been six years in the Service, 4 as a Midshipman, & as a Lieut.

a Letter from him to you will

presume accompanying this - you will not defer a reply, as his visits
are become public, it is proper that they should be [#]discarded, or [#]approved

I am with Love to Abbe; and a kiss from

my great Grandson, whom I hope to see in the approaching Summer

Your affectionate Mother

Abigail Adams

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Not discarded,
dearest Mother!