*[In another person’s handwriting, likely a clerk:]*

Feby 18th:

Lord Nelson to

Sir Wm: Hamilton

mentions his having

got Le Genereux & a

Frigate full of Troops &

Stores for Malta -&

of his making sail after

Two Frigates & a Corvette

His Excellency

Rt. Honble: Sir Willm: Hamilton KB

Vi: dr 2 *[an address]*

 Palermo

 Bronte Nelson

 *[written vertically in margin]*

 Genereux

 taken

*[based on the subject, this letter is dated 18 February 1800]*

My Dear Sir William

 I have got *Le Genereux*

and a frigate full of Troops & Stores

for Malta and am making Sail

after 2 frigates & a Corvette. I am

my Dear Sir William your

faithful & affectionate

 Bronte Nelson

Rt: (Right) Honbl: (Honourable) Sir William Hamilton KB

 feby: 18th: ½ Wr: 5 o’clock no

bad van? but unmasted