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Lord Liverpool

Naval affairs

Downing Street  
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Lord Liverpool presents his humble duty to your Royal Highness, and has the honour of informing you that he has had a conference with Mr. Gore, Adm<sup>l</sup> Donnet & Sir Joseph Gore, on the subject of the East Indies, and on the security which it may be practicable to afford to Calcutta, in the event of a war between Russia and Persia during the winter.

Lord Liverpool has transmitted the correspondence which has taken place on the subject of the East Indies, in the years 1810, 1814 & 1811 and it

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it appears to be the Opinion of the  
Major General, that at this late  
Season of the year, an Attack could  
not be made upon the East India  
with any reasonable Prospect of  
Success, and that even if it was suc-  
cessful, it is very doubtful, whether  
the Station would answer the intended  
purpose.

Lord Liverpool thinks it right  
to add, that as he is informed  
the Island of Kermadec contains  
no Port whatever capable of affording  
Shelter to Ships of War.

Lord Liverpool understands  
from Mr. Gore, that Instructions

have been already given to Sir James  
Somerset, upon quitting the Baltic to  
send a Force of gunboats in the  
Neighbourhood of Colmog under the  
Command of Capt. Pascham, who is  
particularly well acquainted with the  
Navigation of every Part of the Baltic  
and at the same time keep under  
you. Hope is directed to remain in the  
Baltic with two or three Ships as long  
as he can possibly obtain Shelter for  
them in any Quarter.

Lord Liverpool has further settled  
with Mr. Gore, that the intended  
Force of gunboats at Colmog shall  
be considerably augmented, and that  
in conformity to your Royal Highness  
Instructions

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They think have Instructions to remain  
there at all events under the Com-  
mand of Capt<sup>t</sup> Ranshane during the  
whole of the Winter.

Lord Anson thinks that it may  
be material to add that in the Opinion  
of the Professional Ands, this Description  
of Ice will afford the best Protection  
to the Ships during the Winter on the  
side of the Sea, as from drawing  
very little Water they will be able  
to lay in close to the Shore and may  
find Protection in the River when it  
runs up to the Mouth at the time  
when the French Forts may  
be exposed on the Sea Beach

Lord Anson humbly requests your  
Royal Highness to return the accompanying  
Papers when your Royal Highness shall  
return