

Ld. Heymouth

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In conversation with Admiral Keppell, he approves very much of a Fleet in the Mediterranean, & preventing the Junction of the Brest & Toulon Squadrons, provided a sufficient force can be left at home, but I could not bring him to be explicit as to the actual force now ready being equal to those purposes, & others which it will be necessary to employ part of them in. He much laments the want of Frigates, seems very ready to ^{do} his duty at sea, but not so much to give advice.

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