

A. C. to Lord North

Apr. 16 1778

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Lord North, The papers transmitted by Thoration
are if true very material, and confirm me in the
wish of beating the Fleet commanded by d'Estaing,
and I will this day see whether Lord Sandwich cannot
encourage Kappel on a promise of sending out
additional Ships to the reinforcement of his
Squadron, to detach a sufficient force to beat
his Frenchman before he passes the Gut of Gibraltar.

Lucas House

April 16th 1778

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