

R. Adm. Samuel Hood

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Turning in my thoughts the Subject your Majesty did me the honor to speak to me upon, it occurs that the Object of the Toulon Squadron, may be your Majesty's Army under Sir W<sup>m</sup>. Howe, which is the greater mischief, it can possibly do, in America it therefore seems to me most adviseable that your Majesty's Squadron, under Admiral Byron, should steer directly for New York from whence it can proceed to the northward with greater facility & dispatch than it can from Halifax to the southward as a Southwest wind generally prevails  
on

on the coast of America, in the Summer.  
I expressed myself to this effect to Lord  
Sandwich since your Majesty left the year

I am with the utmost gratitude  
and Submission

Your Majesty's

most dutifull Servant

John Hood

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