

H. K. to Lord North

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Lord North, the moment I received the paper from
Mr Robinson last night after he was gone to bed,
after reading it, I put it into the box and ordered
the Messenger to proceed to Basky, it was so self
evident that but the mode could be followed you
have already by this morning settled with the Lord
Sandwich, that I did not think it necessary to
add a letter unto it. There can be no reason
to delay issuing the Orders till a Cabinet is
summoned, what is so clear ought never to be
delayed for that formality; I should think the
affair of the Belle Poule should be added
to the Manifesto to be sent to foreign Courts
and France having now cast off the Mask and
declared War, what must shew we have not been
the Hypocrites but have perhaps shewn too much
temper; but I trust in the Assistance of Providence
to a just Cause, and the Bravery of the Nation
How are Privateers to be employed, may not some plan be
thought of by that means to strike at the Trade of the Enemy.

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