

Ld. Sandwich

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The Report of the committee appointed to enquire into the State of Greenwich is copied for your Majesty's use; that as the affair will probably be a subject of conversation your Majesty may throw your eye over it at your leisure; Lord Sandwich therefore takes the liberty to return, it together with the Libel on which it is founded.

Your Majesty will receive an account of the damage sustained in the Masts Yards and Bowsprits of Admiral Keppel's fleet, which is very great indeed; and it is to be observed that there is no mention of what the ships have suffered in their Hulls & Carbage: it is to be feared that Mr Keppel was so shattered

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in the action, that if the French had not gone off, he would not have been able to have attacked them with advantage; this appears to be confirmed by an account from on board the Victory in a letter to Sir Edward Hughes, which your Majesty will find herewith; and tho' short, seems to be as clear as any account yet received.

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It is to be observed that Lord Sandwich has not had a syllable concerning the action from Sir Hugh Palliser or any of his friends on board the fleet; nor does he hear of any ⁱⁿ town except this which is put into his hands by S.^r Hughes. it should look from hence as if it was a measure in the fleet, that nothing should be written but by admiral Keppell himself.

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Lord Sandwich has the honour to enclose a copy of the private ^{letter} he lately wrote to admiral Keppell.

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Your Majesty will find a letter from Guernsey which proves to a certainty that Mons: D'Esting is gone to America, & another from the same place which mentions the particulars of the taking the Lively.

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