

Should precede 3048

Duke of Manchester Memo<sup>m</sup>

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The Duke of Manchester has reason to believe  
that the French will systematically proceed in their  
Plans to invade England and Ireland  
that they are much elated by the supposed  
Victory over the English Fleet — the troops  
intended for the Descent are very numerous,  
and are now collected in Normandy, at  
Dieppe & other towns, at Cherbourg & adjacent  
Places — at Dunkirk & Bologne —  
that Vessels of Transport are prepar'd,  
the Commanders are nam'd both for England  
and Ireland —  
that Spain is in Treaty with America and  
Terms sent over there —  
An attack is propos'd by American Privateers in  
Ireland near Belfast, and that immediate  
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these accounts are very authentic —

