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Admiralty Dec: 10<sup>th</sup> 1778

Lord Sandrich has the honour to send  
to your Majesty a copy of Sir Hugh Palliser's  
charge against Admiral Keppell; &  
at the same time to inform your  
Majesty that he has seen L<sup>d</sup> Hawke,  
who with every expression of duty  
to your Majesty, comments the impossibility  
of his presiding at the Court Martial;  
he being in constant pain, and from  
his infirmities unfit for any business  
that requires the least degree of attention.

Belmonte Dec 10 1778

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On the present very unpleasant business the Publick must have approved of Lord Hawke's Presiding; I am sorry his health gives him so fair a plea to decline, it will deserve some consideration whether Sir Thomas Pyc <sup>ought not to take</sup> ~~should~~ that Post of course or whether Sir Charles Hardy shall be ordered to Portsmouth, Sir Thomas Frankland and the D. of Bolton seem no ways fit to be sought out on this occasion, Admiral Forbes. I should suppose unable to undertake the fatigue.

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*Edinburgh  
Admin by Dec 10. 1778  
as shown  
In a book Dec 10. 1778  
on p 66 Q 11*