

Circ. Jackson (2nd Sec. to Admiralty) to
Sandwich.

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My Lord

The Court has been daily sworn on board the Britannia, and is
adjourned to the Governor's House. The Members are

Sir Thomas Pye

Vice Admiral Buckle

Rear Admiral ^{Montagu} Arbuthnot

Roddam

Captains Milbanke

Fenny

Bennet

Botcher

Captains Drake

Montray

Duncan

Cranston

Captain Walsingham, after the names of the (intended) Members had
been called, addressed himself to Sir Th. Pye, saying he observed some
Officers Junior to himself had been called to sit, and desired to know why
he was excluded. Sir Thomas answered an opinion had been taken
on the subject; and desired it might be read, which was done, and
no more was afterwards said — Nothing further was proceeded
upon at the Governor's House, then reading the Charge — The
examination of Witnesses will begin tomorrow at ten.

The Dukes of Cumberland, Richmond, and Bolton are here, the
Marquises of Rockingham and Granby; Lord Effingham; Lieut Gen. Skippin
and Mr. Buxton; I do not know Manning is; I could see Mr. Lee.

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Upon receiving Your Lordship's Commands on Mr. Keppel's desire for
Your Attendance, I immediately made my request that He will
enable me to give Your Lordship the notice required.

There does not from the present state of the Business appear a
likelihood of much difficulty. It is impossible to say what time it
may engage; the summonses I have already given out are 149.
but of those more than 40. are in both Lists. I am with the highest
respect

Portsmouth
7th Jan. 1779.

Your Lordship
Most Faithful, Obedient and most
humble servant
(Signed) Geo. Jackson

Copy
of Mr. Jackson's letter to
the E. of Sandwich
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