

3<sup>d</sup> March 1779—

Speakers on Mr Fox's Motion for Consure on the Admiralty for sending out Admiral Sheppell with only Twenty sail of the Line when it appeared that the French were superior

Mr Fox opened the Business and desired to ask Adm<sup>l</sup> Sheppell a few Questions before he made his Motion

Adm<sup>l</sup> Sheppell desired to explain himself thereon before he answer'd the Questions

Mr Brett to order and desired that the Questions & Answers of the Adm<sup>l</sup> might be taken down by the Clerk

Lord Howe to order thereon

Mr Dempster Do

Mr Fox

Lord North to order opposing the taking down the Admirals Evidence as irregular

For Mr Bretts proposition

Mr The Treasurer to order  
for it & violent

Mr Dunning

Mr Dunning again on  
North's explanation

Sir Wm Meredith moved a  
Question to take the Sense  
of the House which Mr  
Sheppell's ~~words~~ should be  
taken down

Sir George Saville on this  
Motion & the Amendments

Left it

The Speaker in the Chair and  
it was irregular

Mr Attorney General

Mr Cornwall

Sir Grey Cooper

Lord North again upon it  
in almost in all Cases to  
follow the Chair, or to have  
a Question & in order to move  
a Question on the dispute  
called to order & great bustle  
& call to take down his Words  
&c. Some Words taken down  
but not correct. Lord North  
permitted to explain, on which  
it went off

Lord North moved to amend  
Mr Meredith's Motion  
by inserting "No Inquiry  
having been instituted in  
the House" Debate then  
gone on

For <sup>supp</sup> Mr Meredith's Motion

Agst it

Mr Fox

Mr Phipps

Mr Brett

Lord Mulgrave

Lord J. Cavendish

Mr Attorney General

Mr Adair

The Speaker from the Chair

Mr Burke

delivered his Opinion clearly & explicitly that such

Mr Dempster called on the Speaker in the Chair for his Opinion

Proceeding in taking down Adm Koppell's Evidence

Mr Tho Townshend

would be irregular & improper

Genl Conway

- per -

Sir Wm Meredith

Mr Jenkinson

Sir George Yonge

Coll Onslow

The House divided - for the Amendment Ayes 208  
Noes - 169.

Main Question put & carried

Agst it

Mr Fox then opened his resolution of Censure & examined Adm Koppell & made his Motion

Lord Mulgrave

For it

Admiral Sheppell

Sir Edw. Deering

Lord Howe to ask questions  
of Adm Sheppell for the  
motion

Ref. it

Lord North several times

The House divided - Ayes - 47<sup>o</sup> -

Noes - 28A. -