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Intelligence from Brest

Ld. North

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Ld North has the honour of inclosing to his Majesty some intelligence from France which he thinks may in a good measure be depended upon. The Surgeon of the Minerva who was returning to Brest in a merchant ship was carried into Brest, & after being detained there three weeks was released on the 24 of March. He says, when he left Brest, there were 26 ships of the line there which would be ready to sail in the course of this month.

The 25 Ships of the line mentioned by the writer of the inclosed intelligence to have been at Brest on the 18 March comprehended

M^r De la Motte Piquet's Squadron of six
ships of the Line, the two ships returned
from M^r de Grasse, & the Indian.

Lord North having been much pleas'd to
go down to Dover & to attend a Harbour
Sejm there this Spring thinks no time so
convenient at the present, & has appointed the
Sejm tomorrow. He will set sail to return
to Land in time enough to be at the Drawing
room on Thursday next. He hopes that this
arrangement will not be inconvenient to his
Majesty

Brook Park. April 9th 1759 7 o'clock A.M.