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Lord Sandwich has the honour to inform your Majesty, that in consequence of the enclosed intelligence, which (combined with that from General Conway) seems to leave very little doubt of the Brest fleet being actually at sea, he last night sent a Messenger to Sir Charles Hardy preparing him in the strongest terms, both in an official & private letter to get to sea without a moments loss of time, & without waiting for anything but what was absolutely necessary.

He also sent another messenger to the Nore (with a private letter to the Captain) to hasten the Canada to Spithead.

Lord Sandwich gave orders by the Messenger

to stop all the outward bound envoys till
Sir Charles Hardy is sailed.
Your Majesty will find herewith a
private letter from L^d Mulgrave contains
a very pleasing account of the temper
& disposition of the fleet.