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Lord Sandwich has the honour to forward to your Majesty the dispatches from Sir Edward Hughes, containing an account of his having taken possession of Goree which the French had evacuated before his arrival.

Everything is in train for a general prep; and in consequence of a letter from the admiralty to the Secretary at war Mr Jenkinson has informed us that orders will be given to support the prep with the aid of the military in several towns upon the coast which we have pointed out, which it is to be hoped will have a good effect.

Lord Sandwich sent yesterday to Mr Harley

to suggest to him the great service it would do if the city could be prevailed on to give bounties towards manning the fleet; Mr Harley undertook the task with great cheerfulness, and his letter which is enclosed gives great hopes of success.

Lord Sandwich also sent on the same occasion to Mr Coombe & Mr Gascoigne in order to encourage them to exert their influence at Bristol & Liverpool; your Majesty will find herewith Mr Coombes answer; that from Mr Gascoigne is not yet received as he is out of town.

Your Majesty will also find in the box a correct state of the divisions in the house of Lords.