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In answer to your Majesty's question relative to the prorogation of the Parliament, L^d Sandwich has the honour to inform your Majesty that it seemed to be understood yesterday that it was to be on Monday, tho' L^d North had a leaning to defer it till Tuesday, and L^d Chancellor some inclination that it should continue sitting some time longer. L^d George Germaine & L^d Sandwich were very strong in opinion that the session should be ended on Monday.

The Thunderer and Intrepid are returned to Spithead without meeting Sir Charles Hardy, but an express is now going with orders to them to follow him without a

moments loss of time.

The Pheasant cutter fell in with Sir C. Hardy's whole fleet on Friday afternoon 8 Leagues S. W. of Portland, but as the wind has been since, they are now certainly on their station off Ushant, & Brest.

Lord Sandwich has engaged Mr Devauxnes to propose to the India company not only to build at their expence three Line of battle Ships & present them to your Majesty but to give 10,000 L. to be disposed of in bounties for raising seamen for the fleet: he seems to have very little doubt of his success in both these objects.

It is not easy for Lord Sandwich to express the happiness he feels, at your Majesty's gracious approbation of his zeal in executing his duty.