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Admiralty half past 3. P. M.
June 22: (1779)

Lord Sandrich delayed answering the note with which your Majesty honoured him yesterday evening till this time, in order to get what information he could to enable him to give your Majesty some insight whether My Lord Chancellor had any particular object of coalition which led him to say what he did yesterday.

Lord Sandrich has seen Mr Rigly who he thought the most likely person to inform him upon this subject, he says he is positive that d^r Chancellor has no negociation in view, & that anything he may have said in conversation must have been quite general, & without relation to any

special measure or wish of his own.

Mr Rigby added that he himself had by Lord North's desire sounded Mr Fox, and had had a long conversation with him, but that he finds him no way disposed to become a part of an administration in which Lord North is a principal.

Lord Sandwich does not see any necessity that the Parliament should sit till the Prep has taken effect, but it seems to him necessary for his own safety, that an act should pass to indemnify ^{him} for having given orders in the face of several acts of Parliament; and he is much concerned to find that the attorney general throws difficulties in the way of this measure notwithstanding what passed yesterday in your Majesty's presence.

Every thing is settled for the Prep to take place in the river to morrow night, and 28 orders were issued last night to the distant parts of the kingdom from

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if no indemnity is to pass these orders must
be recalled, as those who have signed
them will be deemed highly criminal.

Lord Sandrich has already seen the Chancellor
and is going to him again to endeavour
to procure his interposition in this dilemma

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