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Lord North has the honour of inclosing
a letter of intelligence from Mr Wauters
His Dutch Correspondent, which, I believe,
very ill-inform'd, if they think that the
British Fleet is not sail'd.

Lord North had yesterday some
conversation with J^r George Rodney,
who thinks that at this time of the
year the Spanish Fleet will be about
five weeks in their passage from Cadix
to Cape Finisterre, as the North Wind,

which, at this season, blows constantly
on the Coast of Matagalpa, will oblige
them to sail a great way to the
Westward, and as their want of skill
in navigation will retard them longer
than an English or French Squadron.
In this case Lord North hopes that
at last some Men of War will
have joined Mr. Ches. Hardy, before
the Fleets meet, & then he thinks that
England will not have much to fear
from the issue of the action.

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Ld North denied Governor Johnstone
to command the I. of Scotland, but he has
not since heard from him. It, however,
The Duke should be at Court on
Wednesday, & his Majesty would send
for him into the Closet, & communicate
to him his gracious intentions, Ld
North has no doubt but it will be
highly pleasing to his Grace.

Ld North thinks himself obliged to
report to his Majesty that he finds
in every quarter that Mr John Pringle
tho well esteem'd as a gentleman, is

in no great estimation as a General
of the World is very uneasy about his
having the command in Ireland in
such a perilous moment as the
present.

to
Sourin Street. June 27. 1779.

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John. a letter of introduction
from Mrs. Westwood.

- To Gen. O'Rourke's opinion
about the strength of the
castle.

- Duke of Rutland
writing from Dublin.

- Mr. John O'Rourke