

Ld. Sandwich

Fortescue 2745

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Admiralty Aug: 21<sup>st</sup> 1779  
half past three P. M.

Lord Sandwich has the honour to send to your Majesty all the intelligence received at this hour.

Mr Robinson brought a letter to L<sup>d</sup> North while I was there, that mentions as a certainty that the Ardent had fought & crippled the two frigates that attacked her and had outsailed the line of battle ships and got safe thro' the enemy's fleet.

there is another account in the city that says she arrived on Thursday evening much shattered in Plymouth Sound: upon the whole, the accounts concerning the Ardent are so contradictory that it is difficult to know what to make of them.



Since writing the above, L<sup>d</sup> Sandwich has received  
from Mr Robinson the letter to which he  
has referred; and cannot help observing that  
one part of the intelligence is indisputably  
false, namely, the Ardent having come  
into Plymouth with a convoy; whereas  
she has not been in that Port.