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Dear Madam, the Fleet is at Spithead which will undoubtedly enable the Admiral to get provisions water &c. much sooner than if he remained off St. Helens; but as I think it absolutely necessary the Fleet should be so quickly provided with meat the Enemy on the first opportunity I have sent positive directions to Lord Sandwich to proceed without the loss of an hour himself to Portsmouth to see every exertion is made and to acquaint the Admiral that I expect the Enemy is not permitted to quit the Channel without feeling that chastisement which so late aboard our Discoverer.

I was Sept. 4th 1779
M. H. G. N.

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