Blackheath Sept: 14th 1779 and Southwich to the King Before Lord landwich had had the honour of reciering your Majesty' letter of yesterdays date, he had collected his thoughts and put them into winting in order to confer with & amherst in obedience to your Majerty Commands) with whom he is, by appointment to have an interview this day: he had his morrow lay before your majesty many full Tentiments upon what paper between land amherst & him, but in the mean time he has taken a copy of what he means to communicate to L'amherst, which he sends herewith for your majesty's immediate information. as to the exertions that are to be made or the risque that is to be mn in this time of danger, Lord Sandwich will never be

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found backward in taking his share of deciding them according to your Majesty? nishes; but the rest of your ministers Thould take their part allo, and the advice to be given to your Majesty from the meeting should (as was usual before) be reduced there it origint to be decided one way or the other, and, put off as non most frequently happens, without any determination. Lord Sandwich has, in this situation of Things thought it adviscable to write very scriously to Lord North to recommend finnep & decision to him, & to thew him how necessary it is that he should take the lead at on conniels, and art with spirit that becomes the principal person who has the honor of you Majesty confidence as a Minister; whither this will be of any use I Sandrich cannot pretend to Jay, but he means it well & knows of nothing

3521 (2) else that it is in his power to do to add 01 Thength to your majesty's councils at this jesty! ters critical conjuncture. re adrice Lord Sandwich has the honour to enclose the letter recieved yesterday from I'm Charles Handy e meeting together with one from m Stephens, asallo nced Commissioner Kirks accounts of the progress agitated of Victualling the fleet; and to add that yesterday he had the pleasure of seeing the my or frequally alide sail from Deptford to Long Reach. n of very nd en him he the spirit ho has u as any ay, but hing

