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Lord Sandrich has the honour to send to your Majesty Captain Botchers letter containing his account of the loss of the Ardent.

It appears by Commisioners Kirks accounts which come herewith that they continue filling water to keep up their stock, after their original demand has been complied with.

There are no returns from Portsmouth except those in your Majesty's possession from Sir Charles Hardy, Sir Thomas Pye having sent none for this last fortnight.

The Fly Sloop that so gallantly engaged the two Sloops that attacked the Harwich packets is arrivell in Yarmouth roads, but we have as yet no account from the Captain concerning the action.

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