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Lord Sandwich has the honour to send to your Majesty a letter from Captain Parley of which he himself is the bearer, giving an account of a French Squadron cruising off the Straights of Gibraltar. on the 6.th of this month he fell in with a fleet of ships 15 leagues off Cape Finisterre, the weather was hazy but he counted nineteen sail; this in all probability was part of Sir George Rodney's Squadron.

Captain Parley does not give much credit to the account he received from the Dutchman, tho' he says the man was very clear & positive.

