

Ld. Sandwich

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Lord Sandwich flatters himself that he has already in great measure obeyed your Majesty's commands.

He has seen the Comptroller of the Navy, who very heartily cooperates with him in taking the proper measures for purchasing the prizes in a summary way, & without taking anything out, or bringing them into dock.

He has also been with L<sup>d</sup> Amherst who on the part of the Ordnance engages to pursue the same plan with regard to the guns & stores; so that it is to be hoped the ships may be kept ready for immediate service.

Lord Sandwich has likewise been with Lord North who much approves the whole plan,

and we propose to have a meeting of your Majesty's servants this evening or on Thursday in order to represent to your Majesty the propriety of sending a detachment to America under the command of Admiral Graves; we propose to add the Royal Oak to this detachment which will augment it to six sail of the line.

Your Majesty will if you please add to the list of ships at home the *Nonsuch*, as a ship that will be ready in two months.

Your Majesty will find a letter from Captain Young containing some particulars about the behaviour of the *Sandwich* when in action.

Lord Sandwich encloses a very exact list of the yesterdays division in the House of Lords.