

Minute
March 7. 1780

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Present
L^d Chancellor
L^d President
L^d Privy Seal
L^d Sandwich
L^d G. Germain
L^d North
L^d Amherst
L^d Stormont

on a Representation of the State of the fleet
by the first Lord of the admiralty who engaged
that Thirty sail of the Line should be
ready for Sea by the first of May next
exclusive of all Detachments for Foreign
Posts made or herein ordered, (provided
the Spanish and French Prizes are kept
ready to be employed in the service). It is
agreed that six sail of the Line be
prepared

prepared with the utmost Expedition to be
sent to North America, there being great
Reason to believe from the Intelligence
received that the French meditate to send
thither a considerable Force under
Monsieur de Ternay.