

Ld. Sandrich.

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Lord Sandrich does not trouble your Majesty with the particulars of the Express received, as Lord Hillsborough is now with him & writing to your Majesty on that subject.

The Express arrived at this Office at four this morning, L<sup>d</sup> Sandrich immediately sent to L<sup>d</sup> Hillsborough & L<sup>d</sup> Amherst to meet here & consider what should be done, & before 5 o'clock a messenger set off for Portsmouth with orders to Sir Thomas Pye to get the *Nonsuch* and all the frigates & cutters that can be instantly assembled at Portsmouth, to be ready to sail under

the command of Sir James Wallace for  
the relief of the Islands; telling him that  
he may expect further orders in a few  
hours. we have it in contemplation to  
take the soldiers out of the men of war  
that are at Spithead as those that are  
the readiest to be sent; but unless they  
are replaced by others (in case of their  
detention) it will entirely disable  
five or six of the capital ships that  
are to go with admiral Darby for the  
relief of Gibraltar.

Admiralty Monday morning  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  past six a. m.