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Lord Sandwich has the honour to inform your Majesty that admiral Barrington came to town on the receipt of his letter; they have had a very long conversation together, but to no effectual purpose; the admiral remaining obstinate in his determination not to command in chief; from the conviction of his unfitness, and being certain that with such a charge, his mind would be in such constant agitation that it would cost him his life.

Lord Sandwich saw L^d North early this morning who agrees to either admiral Geary or Man provided Barrington declines, but wishes that ~~before~~ it is finally determined it may be

mentioned to day in the cabinet; which will accordingly be done, and if approved a messenger will be immediately sent to Admiral Geary who lives somewhere near Leatherhead in Surrey.

as to admiral man Lord Sandwich does much whither his infirmities would induce him to decline the offer in case it was made him; he last night desired Lord Sandwich to recommend him to your Majesty for Greenwich Hospital, adding at the same time that it was the only thing ~~bothering~~ he now thought himself fit for

Your Majesty will receive herewith the dispatches received last night from Commodore Johnson, as also admiral Barringtons report on the visitation of Hazler Hospital