

Cabinet Minute.

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at Lord Amherst's August 3^d 1780

Present
D President
D Privy Seal
D Sandwich
D G. Germain
D Amherst
D Stormont

agreed that it is expedient to take the
opinion of the Kings Law officers to know
whether it be legal for any of His Majesty's
Subjects to assemble in Troops of Ten or
more with Muskets or other arms in order
to learn Military Exercise & Discipline
without any authority from His Majesty so to
do, tho' the same be done under Provoke
of being prepared to assist the Civil
Power, and in case it be not legal, what
are

are the shortest and most efficacious steps to be
taken by Law to prevent It.

Declaration delivered this day by Lord Stormont
by Baron Rocher read, and the answer
prepared by Lord Stormont read and approved.

agreed that His Majesty be advised to
approve the Report of a Board of General
Officers upon the Questions put to them by His
Majesty's order by ^{His Royal warrant} the Secretary and learn

agreed to approve the Plan of an Expedition
to the South Seas by the way of India
concerted with the East India Company.
Two thousand Sord Horses to be employed
on this Expedition consisting of Col.
Munberston & Col. Fullartons Regiments which

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which are to be doubled if they can rise
the men so as to be ready to embark before
the end of October. If they are not sure
of rising the men in the given time
other means to be taken for rising them.

a 64 gun ship and a frigate of 32 to be
employed upon this expedition.

Minister
August 3. 1780.