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Lord Sandrich has the honour to send to your Majesty the letters received yesterday from admiral Geary, in consequence he is ordered to detach admiral Digby for a week, & to proceed with the remainder of his fleet into Torbay, during which time we shall be able to supply what men he wants, and thereby enable him to proceed to sea with the whole, the moment the Rear admiral rejoins him in Torbay.

This morning an unpleasant <sup>letter</sup> is received from admiral Geary mentioning his inability to proceed on the present cruise on account of illness; it is therefore proposed, provided it meets with your Majesty's approbation, to give him a short leave of absence as desired, & direct him to send out Vice Admiral Barrington in the execution of the above mentioned orders; and L<sup>d</sup> Sandrich



thinks it might be proper to order admiral  
Evans to go to sea in the Victory during  
Mr Gearys absence, which would leave the  
fleet with the same number of flag officers  
as before.

Lord Sandwich encloses the letter he has received  
from admiral Darby, who he thinks will make  
a very good Lord of the admiralty.

Your Majesty will also find private letters  
from Sir John Ross, and admiral Geary.