

Ld. Sandwich

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Your Majesty will observe by admiral Barrington's letter that he is determined to throw every difficulty he can in our way, & to pursue what is clear to be his present purpose, the bringing admiral Keppell into the command of the fleet. Lord Sandwich dare not venture in this situation to take any step till he knows your Majesty's pleasure; the thing that at present occurs to him as the most advisable, is to let Mr Barrington strike his flag & come on shore, and send the fleet out under the command of admiral Darby, who is now at

Plymouth, & ready to go on board his ship
the moment she arrives.

Lord Sandwich has written to L^d North
upon this subject, & if your Majesty thinks
proper, your pleasure may be signified
thro' his channel to Mr Stephens by which
no time will be lost.

Hinchingbrook

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