

Lord Sandwich

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Lord Sandwich has the honour to enclose to your Majesty the answer he has received from Admiral Drake.

Lord Mulgrave who is just returned from London says that every one he saw in the two days he has been there, highly blames admiral Barringtons conduct.

It at first occurred to L<sup>d</sup> Sandwich that the Bonfleur was the properest ship for admiral Drake to hoist his flag in, but on consideration he thought that it might not be so advisable to put the admiral who is perfectly well disposed, into a ship made up of officers totally devoted to his predecessor; and perhaps it may not be unadvisable to send the Bonfleur to the West Indies.

L<sup>d</sup> Mulgrave says that upon looking into the

books of the office there does not appear  
to be any objection to Captain Kempshelt's  
seniority as first Captain to Vice Admiral  
Darby, Lord Sandwich has therefore written  
the proper letters to bring that about, con-  
-cluding it to be a measure that would meet  
with your Majesty's approbation.