

ld. Sandwich.

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Admiralty Sept. 15th 1780

Lord Sandwich has the honour to send to your Majesty the lists as commanded yesterday.

It was agreed at the Cabinet that L^d Sandwich should write to Sir Samuel Hood to know whether in case there was a promotion of Admirals he would chuse to take his flag, & proceed immediately to the West Indies.

It was also agreed to send five sail of the Line directly, taking some of them from Admiral Darby's fleet, to reinforce Sir George Rodney, and to send orders to Admiral Arbuthnot to detach Admiral Graves with five sail of the Line to the West Indies even if Ternay should winter in America.

Since writing what is on the other side, the enclosed letters are recieved from L^d Shuldham giving an account of the arrival of the Boyne at Plymouth, and allso intelligence of an enemies fleet which upon consulting with L^d North & the Comptroller of the Navy we agree must be an outward bound Convoy, therefore have not thought adviscable to alter the arrangement for sending five ships immediately to the West Indies; the ships fixed on for this service are

Princessa

Alfred

Monarch

Monarca

Prince William.