

Cabinet Minute

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at Lord Hillsboroughs Office Oct 10. 1780

Present
Lord Sandwich
Lord Hillsborough
Lord G. Germain
Lord North
Lord Stormont

agreed that it be submitted to His
Majty as the opinion of this Meeting
that Lord Hillsborough do declare to Mr
de Souza that in case the Queen of
Portugal should be urged by the Courts
of France & Spain or either of them to
violate her Duchies with Great Britain
should declare her Resolution to
maintain those Duchies & in consequence
of such Declaration should be threatened
by both or either of the abovementioned

Sovereign, in that case His Majesty will
without delay fulfill his engagements as
stipulated by Treaty, will take immediate
measures preparatory to such an event, &
in case the situation of his faithful Majesty
affairs should require aid beyond that
stipulated by Treaty His Majesty will
be ready to give every further assistance
that shall be in his power.