

Cabinet Minute

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at St George German's Oct 11. 1780

Present

St Sardinia

St Millsborough

St George German

St North

St Lambert

St Marmont

agreed that it be submitted to His Majesty
as the opinion of this meeting that one
admiral at least be appointed to relieve
Sr Peter Parker in the Command of Jamaica
and that another flag officer now on the Staff
be appointed to the Command in America and
to be joint Commissioner with the Commander
in Chief of the army there. if this arrangement
together with assurances of such a Reinforcement
of Troops as can be spared from this
Country

Country does not induce Sr Henry Clinton
to think that he can continue in the
Command, His Majesty tho' unwillingly does
in that case permit him to resign this Command
to Sr Cornwallis.

It is agreed that as Intelligence has been received
of further Reinforcements of Ships and
Troops preparing to be sent from France to
North America this Year it is judged
expedient to revoke the Peremptory orders
to Admiral Boscawen not to dispatch at least
five Ships of the Line to the West Indies, and
to leave them a Discretion to keep them in
North America provided they can winter there
in safety so as to be at Hand in the
beginning of the Spring. N.B. + This latter
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