

Ld. Sandwich,

Fortescue 3200

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Admiralty Dec: 8<sup>th</sup> 1780  
6 o'clock P. M.

Lord Sandwich hopes that your Majesty will <sup>forgive</sup>  
his troubling you with the enclosed papers  
brought by Captain Hope of the Crescent.

Captain Hope is now with L<sup>d</sup> Sandwich, and  
he thinks that there is almost a certainty  
that Admiral Darby must meet with  
D'staring; the winds were such that it was  
impossible for D'staring to make the coast  
of France, & as Captain Hope did not fall  
in with Darby, it is scarcely possible that  
either Captain Man or Captain Macbride  
should not have done so; as they all three  
steered different courses & that Mr Darby  
was not far off.

Captain Man & Captain Macbride intended  
to remain in search of Admiral Darby till  
the 30<sup>th</sup> of November.

