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Lord Sandwich has the honour of sending to your Majesty the letter received this day from Sir Thomas Pye, & flatters himself your Majesty will approve his judgement & alertness in endeavouring to intercept the two Dutch men of war.

Mr Colby one of the Commissioners of the Victualling died on Saturday last, & Lord Sandwich takes the liberty to ask your Majesty's permission to appoint Mr Lance now Storekeeper of Woolwich Yard to succeed him. Mr Lance has passed all his life in the service as Purser & Storekeeper, and will in L^d Sandwich's

opinion make a very good Commissioner: he is strongly recommended by Lord Dudley.

Mr Corbet now one of the Commissioners of Sick & Hurt has applied to be appointed resident Commissioner upon the new establishment at Hazlem Hospital; he is a very worthy man & attends very closely to his business, and is a particular friend of Lord Hinchinbrooks; if your Majesty approves of his appointment at Hazlem, Lord Sandwith will have the honour of proposing a successor to him at the Board of Sick & Hurt, when next he has the honour of paying his duty to your Majesty.