

Cabinet Minute

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at Lord Stormont's office Decr 29
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Present

LD President

LD Sandwich

LD Millsborough

LD North

LD Amhurst

LD Stormont.

as the chairman and Deputy chairman of
the East India Company have declared
that the rupture with Holland makes
it absolutely impossible for them to
permit the East India ships to go
upon the intended Expedition to
Buenos Ayres It is therefore agreed
by this Meeting to submit to His Majesty
that the force designed for that

Expedition which cannot take place
without the India Ships be employed
in an attack upon the Cape of
Good Hope.

That all the Three thousand Men
sent upon this Service shall in
case of success remain to keep
Possession of the Cape, the
Chairman & Deputy Chairman having
promised on the Part of the Company
to undertake the attack to be made
in India upon Ceylon and other
Dutch Settlements in Conjunction wth
Mr Edward Hughes Squadron.

Agreed that if the attack upon
the Cape should not succeed

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in that case the two thousand men originally
intended for the East Indies do pursue their
voyage thither, and the additional thousand
with the artillery stores so originally
allotted to them do go to the West Indies.

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