

Cabinet Minutes  
Enclosure

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at Lord Sandwichs Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1781

Present  
L<sup>d</sup> President  
L<sup>d</sup> Sandwich  
L<sup>d</sup> Hillsborough  
L<sup>d</sup> North  
L<sup>d</sup> Amherst  
L<sup>d</sup> Stormont

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on Commodore Johnstons representation  
conveyed by L<sup>d</sup> Hillsborough that it  
will be necessary to have the addition  
of a fifty gun ship to give a greater  
Probability of Success to the intended  
Expedition against the Cape of Good  
Hope agreed that it be submitted  
to His Majesty that another ship of  
fifty Guns be added to the Naval  
Force designed for the aforesaid  
Expedition



Expedition which it is resolved  
should sail as soon as possible  
agreed that it be submitted to His  
Majesty as the opinion of this Meeting  
that under all the Circumstances the  
Relief of Gibraltar tho' a hazardous  
Measure, ought to be attempted, that  
therefore admiral Darby with four  
and twenty and if possible with  
six and Twenty sail of the  
Line do proceed as soon as  
possible with the Convoy destined  
for the Relief of Gibraltar with  
Positive orders to return without  
Delay so soon as this Service is  
effected —