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Mr Eden's Dispatch seemed to me so important that I carried it to the last meeting. The unanimous opinion was that the Requisition the Commanding Officer in the Sound was ordered to make was such as your Majesty's Subjects ought not to be permitted to comply with. and that a messenger ought to be dispatched to Mr Eden with Instructions the General Idea of which was chaulked out in conversation but nothing taken down in writing, the meeting being judged proper to leave the making of the List entirely to me. a List agreeable to the General Idea is now submitted to your Majesty. and it has your Majesty's approbation.

I propose dispatching the Messenger tomorrow.  
I had this morning a letter from Capt. Colbeck  
dated off Madeira the 30<sup>th</sup> of March. The  
whole fleet under Commodore Throstre was  
together, sailing with a fair wind, and in  
perfect health & spirits.