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Admiralty June 6th 1781

Lord Sandrich to the King

Lord Sandrich has the honour to send to your Majesty the dispatches, as also a private letter received this morning from Sir George Rodney.

Your Majesty will also find a letter from Admiral Kempenfelt whom Admiral Darby has seen since he wrote the said letter, & it appears clearly to Lord Sandrich from the said letter & Admiral Darby's report, that Mr Kempenfelt will not resign his employment, but will go out in his former station the latter end of

the summer, when he will have had
a month or six weeks to reestablish his
health which is considerably impaired

Admiral Darby sets out for Portsmouth
this afternoon, in order to proceed
to sea immediately for the protection
of the channel, with ten or twelve
sail of the line, & to cruise for
that purpose for a month: this
measure is absolutely necessary as
we have received information that
the Jamaica fleet sailed from Port
Royal the 17th of March, & may
therefore be hourly expected.