

Cabinet Minute

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at D^y. Germain's Sept 6. 1781

Present
D^y Sandwich
D^y Willborough
D^y Germain
D^y North
D^y Amherst
D^y Stomont.

agreed that it be submitted to His Majesty that under all the Circumstances it is expedient that Vice Admiral Saury be directed to put to Sea immediately with such Force as he may have when these orders arrive & without waiting for any further Reinforcement. That he be ordered to go and seek the enemy as his Copper Bottom ships will give him the opportunity of avoiding an Engagement unless Detachment or Separation enables him to attack the enemy with Probability of success. That he is to consider the Protection of the Homeward bound Convoys and the Prevention

Inspection of a Desert upon Iceland
as the principal objects.