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Lord Sandrich has the honour to send to your Majesty several interesting letters upon different subjects, and among them a private letter from Sir Samuel Hood to Mr Stephens containing much matter with regard to Sir George Rodney's late conduct, as well his own, which letter Lord Sandrich is inclined to think your Majesty will not disapprove.

It is very extraordinary that no intelligence has been received of the combined fleet since Captain Caldwell's, from whence it cannot be doubted that they have left their station at the Cheys of the Channel, a little time must inform us where they are gone to: the account given in Admiral

Darlys Letter of a Flemish Ship having seen
them, as no day is mentioned when he
did see them nor any particulars, is too
vague to deserve any attention.

Your Majesty will perceive by the enclosed
Letter from Commissioner Oury, what great
expedition has been used in the equipmen
of the Anson.

If your Majesty should be in town to
morrow Lord Sandwich is fearfull he
shall not be able to attend to receive
your commands, not having yet been
able to shake off the remains of a fever
that has hung upon him ever since he
last had the honour of paying his duty
to your Majesty.