

Lord Keppel

May 7 1782

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Lord Keppel has the honour to transmit to your Majesty Vice  
Admiral Drake's letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> Instant with one from Captain M'Dougal  
of the Flying Fish Cutter, giving an account of the Dutch Squadron.

Lord Keppel has also the honour to transmit to your Majesty a  
Minute considered & taken at noon this day by your Majesty's servants.  
In consequence of the above Intelligence which is Humbly offered to  
to your Majesty.

Admiralty Office May 7<sup>th</sup> 1782

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Ld. Keppel

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The opinion of the Cabinet Meeting this day that Lt. Howe ought to be directed to repair to the Downs with as much dispatch as possible with such Ships of the Line as he can collect at Spithead, that he may use his best exertions against the Dutch seems a very proper measure. I must oblige you with the order in consequence with the utmost celerity.

Windsor

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1782.  
G. B. P. K.

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