

Present May 7. 1752.

Minutes  
May 7<sup>th</sup> 1752.

Lord President

Lord Prorog. seat

Duke of Richmond

Lord Shelburne

Mr. Fox

Lord John Cavendish

Lord Ashburton

General Conway

Lord Sappul.

It is humbly recommended to your Majesty that Lord Viscount Howe should be ordered not to proceed to Brest as he was before directed but that his Lordship should be ordered to repair with as much dispatch as possible with such ships of the line as he is able to collect at Spithead to the Downs, and to make the Dutch Squadron now supposed to be at anchor off of the Coast the Object of his service & Direction, as soon as his force is sufficiently collected & his Lordship obtains Intelligence to direct his motions. In addition to what is above recommended to your Majesty

It is further recommended that Lord Viscount Howe should if possible send a ship of sixty or eighty guns, as a reinforcement to Rear Admiral Kempthorne where he is now Employed & with fresh Orders from Lord Howe not to expect his immediately joining of him as he was to believe at the time of his sailing

