

Ad. Keppel

May 12 1782

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Admiral Lord Keppel has the honour to transmit to your Majesty
Admiral Viscount Howe's letter of yesterday's date Off. of the South
Foreland. Also Vice Admiral, Drake's letter of the same date from
the Downs. A paper of Intelligence Lord Keppel likewise has the
honour to send to your Majesty, the person that brought it. Admiral Lord
Keppel examined himself, & has reason rather to credit it.

Admiralty Office May. 12. 1782

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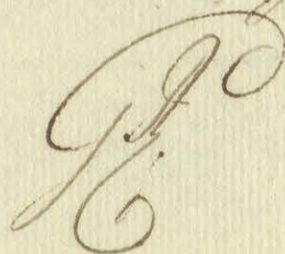
Ld. Keppel

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I am glad to find by the Dispatches I have received from Ld. Keppel that Ld. Howe arriv'd yesterday off the South Foreland, I should hope by the steps Ld. Drake has taken, that a sufficient number of Pilots will have been got to prevent the Fleet being detained there, for every delay is detrimental to the design, as intelligence will undoubtedly soon reach Holland of the Force coming on that Coast.

Queen's House
May 12th 1782
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*Dr. H. H. H. H.
Adm's Office May 12 1882
my answer to your letter May 12 1882
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