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I take very kindly the Congratulations of Ed. Shelburne on
the most compleat Victory that has occurred this War. It would
be a great ease to my mind if all those with whom I am
obliged to transact Public Business were as exact in
reporting ~~of fact~~ ^{and} understanding what is said by ~~Me~~ ^{the} as
Ed. Keppel said this Morning, I thought it absolutely
necessary that some ostensible reward should be bestowed
on Sir Geo. Rodney, the more so as he did not wish this
event should stop Admiral Pigot's being sent to relieve
him; I told him I should be willing to forward any
recommendation he in conjunction with you or the
rest of the Cabinet might authorize him to propose to
Me. When he came at Home this day with the two
Officers he told Me nothing had been at the Meeting
decided on that Head. He has shown Me no private
letters; I am very ready to say Sir Geo. Rodney deserves
a reward, and wish one may be proposed but wondering
that his Victory on the 12th does its existence to Ed. Keppel
Rodd having on the 9th with 14. Ships of the Line
obliz'd 34. French Ships of the Line to retire. Think
his merit deserves also a public Mark of Approbation.
The more so as he has for a second time the misfortune of being
superceded in the Command of a Fleet with which he has twice proved victorious
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As to the dispatches to the Lt. Lieut. of Ireland I have perused
them with the greatest attention, and wish no addition except
that he should be acquainted that he will see the justice of
making an immediate and fair compensation to his John Person
for what I have never done. During my reign the removing
a General from Government