

Minute of Cabinet

May 4th 1702.

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Lord Chancellor

Lord Privy Seal

Lord Rockingham

Lord Shelburne

Mr Fox

Lord John Cavendish

Lord Ashburnton

General Conway

Lord Sempet.

It is Humbly recommended to your Majesty. The Object of the Fleet sailing from Spithead. under the Command of Lord Howe to the Coast of Holland. being at an end. by the Dutch Squadron getting into the Texel. that Lord Howe be directed to leave a respectable Force under the Command of Rear Admiral Sir John Kops, and to proceed himself with the rest of the Ships under his Command to Spithead or Torbay. as his Lordship may judge best to Effect the Junction of the other Ships under his Command now with Rear Admiral Kempenfelt.

[Faint, illegible handwriting on lined paper]