

Lord Keppel
(For H.M.'s reply See over.)

July 2 1782

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Lord Keppel has the honour to acquaint your
Majesty that Lord Howe after putting to sea with the
Squadron under his Command, was necessarily oblig'd from
the blowing westerly winds to return to St. Hellens, which
cannot but be considered, unfortunate, as this wind that has
operated so unfavourably to your Majesty's fleet, may have
enabled the Combined fleet entering the port of Brest.
Unmolested; after their having fallen in with Vice Admiral
Campbell & the Newfoundland Convoy, a misfortune much to be
regretted

regretted, tho' Inconsiderable both in value, size & numbers, a material
disappointment. Lord Keppel has the honour to transmit to your
Majesty Vice Admiral Campbell's dispatches of 24th of last month.
Lord Keppel hopes from the Conversation he has had with Captain
Lumsdaine of the *Merlin*. that more of the crew may have
Escaped than the Vice Admiral seems to have Imagin'd

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The Account of V. Ad. Campbell having fallen in with the Combined
Fleet and losing part of his Lowsay brought by Capt. Commodore of the
Martin is very unpleasant, particularly if the Comrs Equipage for
Lubeck should make part of it. I suppose the Combined Fleet will
soon shew what their Operations tend to, and that the Dutch will
if possible get out at the same time.

Windsor
June 2. 1782.

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