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I trust that Ad. Shelburne will soon get well but must insist that if he is not quite recovered on Friday that he will not come out, a few days care may prevent many days illness.

I return Ad. Shippels note & conceive much in the opinion of the Comptroller of the Navy that Adm. Digby ought to go for the hurricane months to America which will forward the evacuations, I also think the Relief of Gibraltar ought not to be delayed till September, the way to keep up the spirits of the Men is to shew they are not neglected, the Enemy avow that is the time they mean to make their Attack therefore our Succours ought to be there before that time. Ad. Temple is now appointed Ad. Lieut. of Ireland He cannot decency propose me any further but if he does I must only repeat what I have already said.

J. B.

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