

ld. Keppel -  
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Lord Keppel has the honour to request your Majesty that he left  
portsmouth yesterday, that he found upon his arrival there the 16 Instant  
The weather so remarkably bad, that almost every work became at a  
stand and continued so the following day, but since that time, there has  
been great dispatch in refitting the fleet, and now very little left to do  
Except getting the Ships Companies paid their wages, Lord Keppel thinks  
he may venture to assure your Majesty that Lord Howe will be in readiness  
to

to proceed, where ever your Majesty shall approve of his being directed,  
with at least Thirty two Ships of the Line if not more, in a day or two.

Lord Sheppes has further the honour to acquaint your Majesty that there is  
great reason to hope that the different Victuallers & Ordnance Ships. Landed  
in the River for Gibraltar will be Assembled in the Downs. If the wind continues  
westerly, by of 20<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> so as to proceed to Spithead as soon as after as  
the wind may come Easterly.

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So  
in past 5 p<sup>th</sup>.