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Lord President  
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General Conway  
Mr Pitt  
Lord Sargent

Minute of Cabinet  
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It is humbly recommended to your Majesty, that notwithstanding  
Lord Howe's former orders of 15<sup>th</sup> Instant, his Lordship may be directed to  
proceed to Gibraltar for the relief of that Garrison, with as great a force  
of Ships of the Line as can be collected in time, ... as soon as the Ordnance  
& Victualling Ships that are to accompany his Lordship are arrived at  
Spithead,

His Lordship is to cause two Battalions of the Kings Troops to be  
received aboard the Ships of War under his Command, distributing of them  
in the manner he may judge proper in order to their being disembarked  
upon his arrival at Gibraltar

His Lordship should be directed to take under his protection, the

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Directing the Combined Fleet, but it is humbly recommended to your Majesty  
that his Lordship, should at all times be directed to use his judgment  
& discretion upon Points & circumstances that cannot be provided for, so  
well as he may determine, when the Object is before him.