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August 24. 1782.

Lord President
 Lord Shelburne
 Duke of Richmond
 Lord Grafton
 Mr Townshend
 General Conway
 Mr Pitt
 Lord Keppel,

Minute of Cabinet,
 24 August 1782.

Respectfully recommended to your Majesty, that Lord Howe
 should be directed to Dispatch Vice Admiral Milbake as soon as
 possible if the winds continues Westerly, with as many ships of the Line, as will
 make the Number, already with Commodore Boscawen in the Downs fifteen
 & such frigates as his Lordship may think proper, Vice Admiral Milbake
 to be instructed by Lord Howe to proceed off the Coast, where being satisfied
 that the Dutch are in port, Vice Admiral Milbake should dispatch a
 frigate to Observe the Convoy there of the necessity of their being
 every Quarter or putting to sea & bringing the trade to the different ports
 of their destination or proceeding South West through the Irish Channel,
 Notwithstanding the above wish'd Service, Lord Howe should direct the
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Vice Admiral to allow nothing to divert him from rejoining the fleet
at Spithead with the fifteen Ships and frigates put under His Command
the first Easterly wind after his leaving Spithead.

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