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There cannot be the smallest doubt of the propriety of Mr. Gouther's  
idea that no answer can be sent to Mr. Fitzherbert on the proposition  
of Mr. de Vergennes concerning the Newfoundland fishery, till the  
opinion of the whole Ministry can be collected, and consequently  
that Mr. Gouther must write only generally to Mr. Fitzherbert, explaining  
the reason that will prevent his sending an answer for some days.  
I cannot conclude, without just observing, that it would have been  
more customary, and perhaps liberal, to have stated all the  
propositions, than to have sent but one over; Mr. Fitzherbert's  
conduct seems very judicious, and I do not doubt that the Ministry  
will see the necessity of making France not have so large a part  
of Newfoundland unless America is not permitted to have much  
on that Island, otherwise between the two poor England  
must have the worst share.

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my answer to you Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1792. 12. H. A.