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Lord Sandrich has the honour to inform your Majesty that he came to town yesterday in order to pay his duty to your Majesty this day, but on his arrival at the admiralty was met by the melancholly account of the death of his son at Lisbon, which will prevent his attending to receive your Majesty's commands till Sunday next.

As your Majesty does not disapprove of being troubled with the sight of such private letters as relate to ~~their~~<sup>the</sup> business of this department, I take the liberty to send those I have received from Admiral Graves, and from Lieutenant Collins of the Marines; as

also one from Sir Hugh Walliser, which  
will serve to shew your Majesty that the  
business has not been neglected during my  
absence, & that we shall probably be able  
to supply everything that is wanted, tho'  
the short notice we have had for such  
enormous demands is without precedent  
Imagining your Majesty might chuse to see  
the Rebel flag it is sent herewith, I propose  
if your Majesty permits, to send it to Admiral  
Montagu.