

Lord Sandwich

Fortescue 1811

2330

Admiralty Jan: 12. 1776

Lord Sandwich has the honour to inform your Majesty that a thought has occurred to him that a large number of Transports may be procured at Hamburgh, which would aid us exceedingly, add greatly to the dispatch & be particularly convenient for the embarkation of the foreign troops at Stadt and Ritzbuttel.

The Hamburgh Ships are fine large Vessels of the Collier sort, and I believe are very fit for the purpose.

The Comptroller of the Navy is now with Lord Sandwich & greatly approves this idea, and Lord Sandwich has sent to Mr Eden that no time may be lost in communicating it to Lord Suffolk.

If we get the Scotch from Holland, possibly
it might be advisable to bring them in
Dutch ships.

The enclosed letter will shew your Majesty
why we do not immediately send agents
to Bristol &c. And as soon as the letters that
were written on Saturday are answered,
if the present mode does not succeed, proper
people shall be sent immediately to see
what can be done on the spot.

Admiralty
half past eleven.

Lord Sandwich
January 12. 1746