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Lord Sandwich has the honour to send to your Majesty by the bearer Lieutenant Dodd who is just arrived from Halifax in the Cabot Brig under his command, Admiral Byrons Dispatches.

If your Majesty will honour Mr Dodd with an audience, you will find that he has many interesting particulars to mention not included in these Dispatches. The worst news he has to tell, is that we have been obliged to burn 4 frigates of 32 guns, to prevent their falling into Mons<sup>r</sup> D'Estainings hands.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*