

H. H. to Lord North

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The Extracts transmitted by Lord North, agrees entirely with the letters that came Yesterday from Holland and makes me give credit to the Cadix Fleet having sailed on the 23<sup>d</sup> of June, but I do not give the smallest credit to the whole Spanish Fleet being either in such Order or so manned as to be able to come and join the French, many Ships will perhaps; I own I have not the smallest Anxiety if the Ships already under the Command of Sir Charles Knowlton, can bring the combined Fleet of the Enemies to a close Action. I have the fullest confidence in Divine Providence, and that the Officers and Men of my Fleet will act with the ardour the times require; if the French should land Troops they will have thorough reason to repent of their temerity.

Lord North has done perfectly right in acquainting Lord Sandwich and Lord Amherst of this intelligence.

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