

9. H. M. Memo.

For 3456 X -
~~That~~ It must be self evident that
if so great & so well appointed a
fleet returns into Port without having
done every thing that prudence, a
knowledge of the profession, and a
spirit equal to the necessity of the
times could suggest towards distressing
^{at least} if not defeating, the fleets of our friends
and protecting the extraordinary
number of rich Merchant Men now
in their return, that not only the
greatest disgrace must fall upon
the commanding Officer & the vessel
but what is of infinitely more serious
consequence the whole Nation must
either be satiated, or so disgusted
as to produce universal confusion -

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