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By the Commissioners for
executing the Office of
Lord High Admiral of
Great Britain and Ireland
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29 July 1779

Copy of an Order
to Admiral Sir
Charles Hardy.

Whereas, by the intelligence
which has been received, there is
great reason to believe that the
Combined Fleets of France &
Spain have a design to invade the
Kingdom of Great Britain or
Ireland, or both, and also to
intercept the East & West India
homeward bound Fleets that are
shortly expected; You are, in
pursuance of His Majesty's pleasure
signified to us by Lord Viscount
Weymouth, one of His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries of State, hereby
required and directed to proceed
as far to the westward as you
may judge necessary, and to use
all possible means, with the Force
under your command, to prevent
the Enemy from carrying their Designs
into execution; and not to leave
your station while your provisions
& water will allow you to keep
the sea, unless driven off by stress
of Weather, or that some other

Event

Event should happen which,
from your professional knowledge
experience, may lead you to
think it absolutely necessary to
return into Port. Given under
our hand the 29 July 1779

To

Sir Charles Hardy
Admiral of the White
De la

Sandwich
Lisburne.
St. Peter.

By command of their Lordships,
J. Stephens.