

H. K. to Lord Sandwich
(Draft)

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Windsor Castle Sep. 13. 1779.

Lord Sandwich ~~who~~ has I suppose pretty nearly heard the
same ^{account} ~~narrative~~ of the West India Islands
from V. Ad. Barrington, ~~whom~~ ^{as} he made to me on Friday,
~~therefore~~ cannot be surprised it did not edify me, and I am sorry
to add that ~~myself~~ he has not been cautious in concealing
his sentiments on that subject, ~~and~~ that it is now
well known ^{that} he thinks every Island must fall if
attacked by either France or Spain. Though I think
him a very gallant Officer, I cannot say this is a mark
of his ^{Public} ~~private~~ ~~virtue~~ ^{virtue} ~~which~~ ^{which} ought
to prevent despondency, and to stimulate ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~difficulties~~
~~the~~ ^{any} ^{increase} ^{of} ^{activity} ~~in~~ the
activity and activity to ^{place} ~~turn~~ ~~things~~ ^{things} into a better
posture.

No one is more convinced than myself that the
Naval Strength of the United House of Bourbon is
superior to what could be wished, but being directed is not
the means of rectifying it.

Whilst that strength is kept either at Brest or in
the Channel, no detachments can be made of any consequence
for it is not safe to let either the *Planchin*, *Arrogant* or *S. Albans* be taken
beyond Scilly: should the Spaniards return home, a Squadron of sufficient strength

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