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~~Lord Sandwich~~  
Lord Sandwich has the honour to inform your Majesty that he is now in consultation with L<sup>d</sup> Mulgrave & the Comptroller, and is forming a plan which he wishes to submit to your Majesty's consideration without delay, and for that purpose hopes to be allowed to attend your Majesty at the Queens <sup>house</sup>, at whatever <sup>hour</sup> you please to command.

our present idea is to order admiral Kempenfelt to go off Cadiz in hopes of intercepting the French ships in their return from Madeira; and to send a large reinforcement from

home to the West Indies. we cannot however  
decide upon the propriety of Mr Kempe  
= felts going off Cadiz till we can look  
into the state of their provisions which  
we are prevented doing for want of  
the weekly account now in your Majesty's  
possession.

Lord Sandwich sends a private letter from  
Admiral Kempenfelt to the Comptroller  
for your Majesty's information.