

H. H. to Gen. Shelburne

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St. James's April 3<sup>d</sup> 1782.

It was natural to suppose the Frigate ordered <sup>on the 11. h. m.</sup> to carry Sir Guy  
Carleton could not be ready quite so soon as wished, but it  
must be also remembered that the Wind is so very contrary that  
as yet no time has been lost by it.

I am glad Lt. Howe has accepted the Command of the Fleet  
and shall be glad to learn from Lt. Shelburne when I see him  
this day the result of his conversation.

The delay in finishing the arrangements is really mortifying  
but I know Lt. Shelburne has done all he could to get it  
forward.

Lt. de Ferrers is not to be promoted at the levee, Lt.  
Clegg must deliver up the Gold Stick in my Chace  
and then I shall send for Lt. de Ferrers and deliver it to him.

I am much obliged to Lt. Shelburne for apprising me  
of what has pass'd with Lt. Rockingham, he wrote to  
me yesterday and has desired me to see him before the  
levee this day, I shall now know how to suit my  
language, and trust with temper and shadowy things  
may be kept right.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of paper pasted onto a larger sheet.]*

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