

December 11 1702

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Lord President

Lord Provost

Lord Grantham

Mr Townshend

Lord Shelburne

Duke of Richmond

Mr Pitt

General Conway

Lord Kipper

It is humbly recommended to your Majesty, that in addition to the Eight Ships of the line dispatched by Admiral Lord Howe after his repassing the Straits of Gibraltar to reinforce the Fleet in the West Indies under the Command of Admiral Bight, a force of Eight other Ships of the Line should be fitted, and proceed when ready as a further Strength to that Fleet,

And It is also recommended to your Majesty, that three Ships of the Line be without loss of time, dispatched to reinforce the Fleet in the West Indies and that as many more Ships, be sent there, with the East India outward bound trade as soon as they can be assembled at Spithead.

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