

H. M. to Hd. Keppel

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I do not recollect ever to have heard before the name of Captain Kempson
but his Account of the Action is certainly far from clear, and the French Ship
cannot have been a match for the London, therefore it seems not a very creditable
Engagement for the British Flag.

Should War continue, I should imagine no Captain can be employed with more
propriety to command the Secret expedition than Sir John Jervis.

Windsor

Dec. 25th 1782.

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*Ad. Stegall
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