

## Transcript of Political letters

**GEO/Main/4857**

*Mr Townshend*

*Whitehall July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 3 PM*

*My answer Windsor July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 51 pt 6 PM*

Mr. Secretary Townshend's notes accompanying the Minutes of Cabinet is just received, the measure for the ships convoying the East Indies Fleet through the Channel seems very proper, He is therefore to give such directions as may be necessary for putting this into Execution.

Windsor

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

51 pt 6 P.M.

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**GEO/Main/4859**

Draft to Mr Jenkinson

Windsor July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

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Mr. Jenkinson's constant assurances of personal Attachment to Me is the cause of my Writing to Him in so extraordinary a position of Affairs as the present, the mask is now certainly cast off it is no less than a struggle whether I am to be dictated to by Mr. Fox, who avows that He must have the whole direction of this Country; Lord Shelburne certainly must and shall have my fullest support; I therefore desire Mr. Jenkinson will give him every degree of Assistance. The Speaker has explained his very good disposition, but that the knowledge of my wishes was necessary to decide such a step. Lord Shelburne is apprised that I mean to write on this head.

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**GEO/Main/4858**

Addiscombe Place

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

12 a.m.

Sir

I have this moment received your Majesty's commands to which I will not fail to pay implicit obedience, & I will accordingly give every support & assistance in my power to Lord Shelburne. Of this I will take a proper method of apprising His Lordship. My Attachment has ever been to your Majesty & ever will be, & for this reason I did not think it right to enter into any engagement till I had received your Majesty's Commands on this subject.

I am with the most profound respect

Sir

Your majesty's

Dutyful Subject

C. Jenkinson

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**GEO/MAIN/4860**

Lord Keppel has the honour to transmit to your Majesty Admiral Drake's letter from the Downs July 12<sup>th</sup> with two Inclosures, one from Sir J. B. Warren the other from Captain Douglas.

Lord Keppel has also the honor to send your Majesty a letter from Captain Shirley of ye 15<sup>th</sup> of April received this morning with one from Captain Frodsham, late of the Aligator sloop dated ye 5<sup>th</sup> instant.

Admiralty July 13<sup>th</sup>. 1782

20 m past 4 pm

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**GEO MAIN/4861**

**Adml Keppel**

**Admy July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 20 min pt 4 PM**

**My answer Windsor July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 26 min pt 7 PM**

The account Lord Keppel has sent of the Dutch fleet being out of the Texel on the 10<sup>th</sup> shows the intelligence I mentioned having been received yesterday from Holland was founded; I suppose by this Steering they mean to go along our Coast and perhaps some of their Line of Battle Ships may go North about to join the Combined Fleet.

The Dutch will feel this fresh blow on the Coast of Guinea.

Windsor

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1782

26 pt 7 PM