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Sir George Rodney talks of a ship being sunk, but I can give no credit to it.

I have seen his public letters, wherein he says he did what he ought to have done, but did not do - he asked if I was satisfied, I said most perfectly with respect to myself, but that he had subjected himself to be contradicted in many parts; his answer was, that I should consider his letters were for the public; for that very reason I replied, I should have confined myself to facts for every ship of course upon these occasions has a person or two to take minutes of all signals and if you say, for instance, that you made the signal for a general chase, and did not do it, but lay too - are you not at the mercy of any one man in the fleet, to charge you with a misrepresentation of your own conduct? He then again said did I wish any thing altered, I replied by no means, and that what I had said solely arose on his own account. This I say to you alone.