

ld. Sandwich & ld. Halifax

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Whitehall

Tuesday May 27th 1765

one oth Clock P. M.

Lord Sandwich & Halifax are just now returned from My Lord Chancellor, who much approves the Steps that have been taken for the Reestablishment of the publick Peace. His Lordship is of opinion that a Motion should be made in the House of Lords on Monday for an Address to his Majesty, that he would be graciously pleas'd to issue a Proclamation to enforce the Execution of the Laws against Riots & riotous Assemblies.

Lord Sandwich has just now received a Letter, which shall attend my Note to his Majesty, from the Duke of Bedford, which will show the State of his Grace's apprehensions and Intelligence. Every Thing necessary will be done in Consequence^{of it}, but as no Confirmation of such Reports have been received from any other Quarter it is hoped they are groundless

[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged paper]

Duke of Bedford to Lt. Sandwich

? 18 May 1765

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B. H. near 11

My dear Lord

There will be in readiness to receive the troops in Moorfields four Justices and the 2 High Constables, tho' we don't know whether Mr Pell is in Town or not. Every thing is quiet in Spital fields & in Moorfields, but it is apprehended by Mr Welch, that they may by small parties rendezvous in St George's fields on the Surrey side, therefore Ancren's Dragoons which ^{are} at Lambeth should be in readiness to intercept them, attended by a Middlesex & Surrey Magistrate. We have a report that a body of Sailors are to join them in the Evening, the truth of which might be found out amongst some of your Friends in E. of Sandwich

the City, and even be prevented by them.
The Master Brickmakers have also been
threatened that their Clamps shall be destroyed
if they don't make their Men join with the
& this night being Saturday when the Labour
Men receive their pay, it will be more dang
rous than any other. Ever yours

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