

read, and which he believes to be the same, as now produced in Court, viz.

Ramilies, Basque Road, Sept. 29, 1757.

" S I R,

" Should the General Officers of the Troops have
" no farther military Operations to propose, conside-
" rable enough to authorize my detaining the Squa-
" dron under my Command longer here, I beg Leave
" to acquaint you, that I intend to proceed with it
" for England without Loss of Time.

" I am, S I R,

" Your most Obedient,

" Most Humble Servant,

To Sir John
Mordaunt.

" E D. H A W K E."

And he asked the Deponent's Opinion, as also that of the others, what was proper to be done upon it; the Deponent told Sir John, he knew pretty well his Opinion; for that he had constantly been against landing, since the Council of War of the 25th, and that every Day and every Hour they staid, he should be more and more against it; that there was no Service of Consequence to be done, and therefore he was of Opinion to return.

Q. Did they not all unanimously concur in Opinion to return?

A. He thinks Major-General Conway did hesitate upon it; but did afterwards come into the general Opinion for returning.

Q. (By the Court) Whether Sir Edward Hawke was on board at the Time?

A. He was on board; but not present at the Council, or Meeting.

Q. Were not they, who were assembled, the four Officers appointed for the holding Councils of War at Land?

A. Yes, as he understood it.

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