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Order

Whereas severall merchants have petitioned
for a squadron of frigatts to be sent toward
the northern Cape & Coast of Biscay;
for the security of Trade, and forasmuch
as the same may have a good tendency
to the pub^l service, ag^t the Spaniards.
You are to take care that the number
of eight or nine frigatts such as may
be fitt for that purpose be hatched
& you are fitting Instructions for that
purpose, ~~you are to~~ ~~take care~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~
Whitchham the 27th March 1658

To the Com^{rs} of o^r
Admiralty & Navy