

I am much obliged to you for allowing  
me to employ any ships that may arrive  
from England, be assured not one more  
than is absolutely necessary for the service of  
this part of the Station shall be detained:  
This little <sup>insignificant</sup> vessel, <sup>Force</sup>, I  
don't like to trust either Marine Officers, or  
Camp Equipage in her. I shall therefore  
only send letters by her, and the Men  
shall take <sup>passage</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>ship</sup> on Monday, by which day  
she will be ready to sail. - Should the Surgeon  
arrive in the mean time with the Demands  
for Ordnance Stores, they might go also.

I intended sending the next Bermuda Mail  
by the Martin, in order to accommodate  
the Carriers, who are particularly necessary  
of returning in her: and as it is to be inferred  
from the tenor of your former letter, that you  
intended sending them back to Providence, I  
shall give Capt. Benhouse Orders, after dropping  
the mail, to go on there with them. -

Send you copies of the Army Orders &  
letters to the Commissaries, on the subject of