

The Station, calculated to run over the Coast of Liberia
I now send but she will require an increase of men before
she can be of any use & after all is of an insignificant force.

When I commanded in the Leeward Islands the
same difficulties existed relating to several of the
Colonies, the Legislatures of which found Troops of War for
Government & furnished Men, Provisions & all other expenses.

If the Govt of New Providence will provide two schooners that
can carry from 12 to 14 guns, say about 200 tons each I will
upon the same principle fit them out as vessels of War &
they shall be kept for the express purpose of protecting the
Trade to & from the Havana. Without some sort of arrange-
ment of this kind takes place I shall be at a loss to know how I
am to afford the protection to their Trade I have it so much
at heart to do.

As the want of this proposal being
agreed to I will send all the guns & stores from hence,
if proper fast sailing vessels can be had at New Providence,
where I suppose they can be fitted as cheap to the Island as if
sent here or to Halifax. All I shall require are the vessels,
with such rigging & stores as they require, to be made over
to the Naval Department as the property of the Crown, this
being done the Colony will be at no further expense as
the Naval Department will furnish every additional article

they can require and as they will never be removed from the
Station I presume that Volunteers for permanent or limited
service will easily be procured. I much fear that unless some
thing of this kind is adopted from my having but 4 schooners
upon the Command I shall not be able to protect the Commerce
in the vicinity of New Providence with vessels adapted to that
service. As my stay here may be short I beg to be known
with your Expts answer that I may take measures accordingly.
The schooner that delivers this may return with it, if any pro-
posal is agreed to, if not she had better remain on the
Station. I have the honor to be Sir

Respectfully

Governor Cameron

to the Govt of New Providence

(Sgd) A. Buchanan

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