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Bremen 24th May 1848

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Dispatches by the *Lacandonian* which arrived here yesterday. I am proud to be included in, & replying to your letter conveyed to you by the *Loire* & acquainting you of the various occurrences connected with the *Squadron* since your Orders up to the 3rd instant, which were acknowledged by the General's papers therein referred to.

I send you herewith a Scheme for maintaining the Refugee Negroes, but I have no objection to your making whatever alterations you may think proper & you will be able to substitute or differ in the mode of ^{feeding} these people as you conceive best suited to existing circumstances. The object attended to is the feeding them at as small an expense to Government as possible at the same time giving them a sufficient quantity of what is wholesome, which can be done by supplying them with their usual food, then by giving them that which is established for the *Servants*. You will authorize the Captain of the *Ship* on which these Refugee Negroes are borne to supply such of them as are in a state of clothing with cloths to cover them, not exceeding the value of 30^s a man. The Women to have a proportion of that amount. Such as enter as *Marines* are to be fitted with *Marine* clothing & if there are a sufficient of Red jackets supply them with one each it may be advisable to cloth them in Red as their gay appearance may act as an inducement to others to come off. I do not see any necessity for the Russian Minister sending a *Vizier* to Europe furnished with information of the Embargo having been taken off. Our Allies will have much earlier information of this than any communications to the Lords of the Admiralty, which will be forwarded by *Express* & in duplicate thus they can have the means the Minister proposes. With respect to the *Ships* as the whole of the Ports of the United States are now under a state of *Blockade*, you will be pleased to inform me if you have given for the *Ships*...

I am, Sir, your obedient servant

not exceeding the amount