

detachment of Marines & Artillery to join the others
in order to train them to oppose regular troops, he
takes with him 2 Captains, a Surgeon & a large pro-
portion of well commissioned Officers, in all about 100
with two Field Pieces & he is provided with every
article I thought he could want, the only thing
I had at my power to give him are a few
incentives which possibly your Govt may be able
to provide him with. Each of the ships have 500
stands of arms with a commission for, which with
the 500 that went in the before by the Govt Artillery
delivered make 8500 stands that have been sent from
here, I have been given to understand that a
considerable ^{number} has also been sent from New
Providence & you will do me a favor by informing
me of how many more you can spare. I have a
great many yet remaining in store, but expect to
find full employment for them all, in the West
of the United States as soon as Lord Hill & the
Army arrive. Lieut Col. Nicoll is empowered to
raise a Regiment of Colonial Marines from the African
Slaves, of which he is to be Colonel as soon as they
amount to 500 men, he is possessed of some African
Commissioners for 1st & 2nd Lieut & possibly your Govt
may be able to recommend some active young men
acquainted with the Country who may wish to be em-
ployed they will receive pay if they conduct themselves
properly are very likely to be allowed Rank. I have
to beg your Govt interest in procuring good Pilots
for the ships & guides for the troops. If the pros-
pect are favorable it is my intention to send
large reinforcements in about 2 months hence. It
will be a matter of great importance to obtain the
consent of the Spaniards, without their committing
themselves to the United States, I fear their natural
feeling will induce them to make an effort
to keep the Spaniards from the United States.

To:
His
Govt

His
Govt