

of obtaining money for which having been furnished me
in your instructions. You will be accountable in the
expense of this money, and certify that it be
only appropriated to purposes when it is absolutely
necessary, and as you will have to answer therefore,
you will keep a particular account of your disburse-
ments, and transmit a copy thereof to me by every
opportunity. ^{DE Major Nicolls app^t}
with the local ^{Paul} ^{of St. John} I am Sir &c.
to command a Detachment
of Marines proceeding
on a
particular Service Bermuda 2^d July 1844.

Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of your Letter of 2nd inst^{re} and its enclosure,
and in ^{reply} to the proposals you therein make,
I am to inform you that I see no reason for setting
any further example of liberality which the American
Government seems so little disposed to follow. I
will know that so long ^{long as} as the English Govt can be
led to liberate American Prisoners in advance, the
American Govt will take advantage ^{of it} of it, and continue
as much in arrears ^{as it can be} as it now is. Upon this head
I have lately received from my Lords Councils of the
advice communications of the 25th of last month which
confirm me in the determination I had made to
withhold any American Prisoner in any prison until
the American Government shall have entirely liquidated
or at least very considerably ^{indeed} reduced the balance
against it. I am therefore not only ^{also} declining
according to the proposal you have now made but ^{also}
of consenting to a further exchange of any sort, until
the American Executive think proper to adopt a
different system. In the mean time it is my intention
to profit by the extensive means which I daily expect
will afford me of forwarding the whole of the American
Prisoners in our ^{Depot} directly to England, and I
have already begun to carry my intention into