

of Georgia. The attack made by the Americans on Pensacola has in a great measure retarded this service but from recent accounts the number of Indians collected in arms amounts to nearly three thousand men and independent of the Marines a coloured Corps has been organized of from three to four hundred men which are expected soon to be considerably increased. With a view to promote the success of the expedition against Mobile I lately sent back Major Nicolls with the Indian Chiefs to Apalachicola, where, at a situation called the Bluff a fort has been constructed for the security of their wives and children while the Warriors take the field.

This force making in all nearly three thousand five hundred men, is to be divided into two bodies, one consisting of from twelve to fifteen hundred men to fall upon the back parts of Georgia to act in concert with the force under Rear Admiral Lockburn upon that Coast, while the other body is to cross the country towards Fort Stoddart to co-operate with the forces under your commands, they have instructions to send out parties to collect horses for the Cavalry.

The troops having now all reached the Ships at the inner anchorage and the Americans being satisfied that any Attack meditated at New Orleans is given up for the present. It must also be equally evident to them that our future efforts will be either directed against Mobile or upon the eastern or Atlantic Coast; to guard against the first I have no doubt but they have reinforcements now upon the road to Lake Rouge from whence I understand there is a direct road to Mobile and that the whole journey can be performed by Cavalry within fifteen days. And as it must be a material point that the port of Mobile be invested before their reinforcements arrive.

It is my decided opinion that the utmost expedition ought to be used to accomplish that object. Rear Admiral Boscawen has gone into the inner anchorage to remove the Ships to Ship Island and to put a proportion of Provisions on board the small Vessels equal to the supply for the whole Army. These vessels will