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such as do not exceed a draught of fourteen feet, and
Isle Dauphin, where the troops may be landed, and
vessels sent back for the remainder of the Army, which
either be sent up in them or if a passage shall be found
upon the east side of the Island the frigates, brigs, and
transports will be passed into the Bay of Mobile without
within range of Fort Mifflin, but should the passage
be discovered to be of sufficient depth of water for ships
I think I will find little difficulty in taking in the
of water not exceeding thirteen feet, which with the aid
the Squadron may be able to convey four thousand men
if it is ascertained to be deep enough, the whole Army may
proceed to within a few miles of the place of disembarkation
below Mobile. As I have now found that the
measures are the best, and having a thorough knowledge
the Enemy we have to deal with, I most earnestly wish
that not a moment is lost in moving the Army forward
to Isle Dauphin, and that their stay there, be as short
possible. As soon as the troops move along, should
detach the Master of this Ship, to buy off the passages, and
take such other steps as may be necessary, for pushing the
Shipping into the bay. The troops now on board the
Frigates, at the inner anchorage, and in ships of war, may
be landed upon the South side of the Island, where the
wind keeps to the northward, or they can be kept in
readiness to be put into smaller vessels to pass at once into
harbour. If these suggestions meet your
 concurrence I will be happy to accompany you into the
anchorage, to make the necessary arrangements, and to
accelerate the Service, I beg leave to propose that a force
four or five hundred men may be immediately sent to
Island to protect the Boats employed in conveying the
Channel, by which means we will soon be satisfied as to
practicability of getting the Shipping into Mobile Bay,
the necessity of first attacking the Fort. After leaving
the spot it will be seen how far the reduction of the