Cochrane Papers MS 2326
Bathurst to Ross

To Major General Ross
etc etc.

10 August 1814

SECRET

Sir,

In a secret dispatch of the 30th July conveyed to you the orders of His Majesty's Government that you should proceed with the Troops under your command to join an army which it was intended to send from this country under Lord Hill, and of which the appointed Rendezvous was Point Negril at the western extremity of Jamaica.

Circumstances have since induced His Majesty's Government to defer the intention that had been entertained of employing a large force in that quarter. But, as it appears by the advices received from Vice Admiral Sir A. Cochrane that there is reason to believe a serious blow may be struck against our American Enemies by employing in the Gulph of Mexico a force somewhat more considerable than that of which you have the command, and great reliance is placed upon your military abilities and zeal for His Majesty's Service, it has pleased the Prince Regent to order that you should be reinforced sufficiently, and that you should proceed in command of the troops destined to carry into effect the contemplated by Sir Alex.r Cochrane. You will therefore concert your measures with that officer and give him your most zealous assistance.

The reinforcements preparing for you in this country consist of above 2000 rank and file as noted in the margin.

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| Dismt.d Rt. Dragoons | 160 | 93d Regt. | 1000 |
| Artillery | 150 | ——— of | 270 |
| Artificers & Staff Corps | 50 | 4th, 44th & | |
| ? Battn of 60th Regt | 500 | 85th Regts | ——— |
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(see letter to A.C. of 14 Sept. modifying above list)