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Bathurst to Ross (cont)
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To these are to be added the 5th W. India Regiment and 200 Black Pioneers from Jamaica so that it is calculated you may carry to the theatre of your operations alone 5000 effective rank and file. The rendezvous off Point Negril is still considered the most advantageous; and the Admiral commanding in the Jamaica station will have orders to collect for the service of the expedition as large a proportion of schooners and small craft as may be considered necessary. The troop ships which convey the reinforcements from England will carry out flat bottomed boats, and the rifles, carbines and ammunition which have been solicited by Sir Alex^r Cochrane for the army of the friendly Indians.

Such are the arrangements which have been made for the equipment of the expedition: but, as it is considered that further supplies of arms and ordnance stores may be found necessary after you shall have landed in the enemy's country, measures have been taken for forwarding to the Gulf of Mexico by a future fleet a considerable supply of arms, ammunition, stores and provisions; - and these supplies will be accompanied by another Black Regiment if it can be spared without inconvenience from the West Indies.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obed^t humble Serv^t.
Bathurst

P.S. You will understand that the time, as well as the place, originally fixed for the rendezvous remains unchanged. It is considered that there might not be sufficient time for Sir A. Cochrane to make his dispositions, and come down to Point Negril to unite with the ships from England if an earlier day were proposed than the 20th of November.

Bathurst