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Cochrane to Melville  
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expedition was ordered to leave Negril Bay  
Jamaica upon the 20<sup>th</sup> of that month.

Finding such neglect of the orders which  
had been sent to him from the Admiralty, I  
did not hesitate to take Rear Adm<sup>l</sup>. Perham  
under my orders, and he joined me upon the  
evening of the day that I weighed from Basseterre  
to proceed to Jamaica, where I directed him  
to send on the Regiment without a moment's  
loss of time, but I was not a little astonished  
to hear the Rear Admiral declare that as he had  
not been put in possession of the Secrets of the  
expedition and had only received orders to send  
them to Jamaica, he would send them to  
Jamaica but he did not care to what Port  
they went; and so ill executed was this order  
by the Rear Admiral that one half of the Reg<sup>t</sup>  
was carried to the north side of Jamaica  
instead of Port Negril or Negril Bay - from his  
want of zeal to promote <sup>(sic)</sup> the it became  
necessary to send HM's Ship Plantagenet to the  
north side to receive this half, which in  
consequence, did not join until some time  
after the other and was not present at the  
first landing.

Upon passing the leeward limits of the  
Leeward Islands Station I directed the Rear  
Admiral to ~~resume~~ resume the Chief Command,  
I do not therefore see any just cause which  
the Rear Admiral had of making the  
complaints he did to the Lords of the Admiralty.

While I commanded upon the same  
station upon the arrival of Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and Sir  
J. T. \_\_\_\_\_ I placed myself and my squadron  
under their command, but the Admiralty  
Records do not contain any remonstrance from me