

arrangements for carrying into
confidential
execution the ~~Confidential~~ ^{Confidential} ~~arrangements~~
with which I am charged
-inations, ~~confidential~~; we can

I am responsible for their success unless
the direction of ~~the~~ ships are placed
in my hands.

The advanced season of the year and
the service upon which the troops under
Major General Gordon are to be employed
requires a corresponding distribution
of ~~the~~ ships ^{as also} of proper selection
of officers and ships for the various services
to be performed, and this does not admit
of a moment's delay.

When Sir Francis Lefroy procured to me his
Commission appointing him Comd-in-Chief upon the
Leeward Islands Station I considered it as superseding
the one held and consequently immediately
reigned to him the Command: the same has
taken place between Sir Lefroy and
Rear Admiral Duckworth. Although
Sir Francis Lefroy still remains on that Station
until the sailing of the April Convoy
with which he is to proceed to
England and as two Commissions
in Command in Chief upon the
Station cannot exist at the