

of its expediency in a military point of view, and will take without reserve the difficulties and facilities with which its execution may be attended. You will also consider yourself authorized to decline engaging in any operation which you have reason to apprehend will lead from the probability of its failure, to the discredit of the troops under your command or will expose them to a loss disproportionate to the advantages which it may be the object of the attack to attain. —

While afloat you will consider yourself as under the command of the Naval Officer, commanding this expedition. The disembarkation of the troops and their re-embarkation will be directed by him; but he will be instructed to concert with you, as to the best mode of effecting the same respectively. You will decide