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of their masters after your retreat
you are at liberty, on their earnest
solicitation to take them away with
you, and you are authorized if they
are willing to enlist, to enlist
them in any of the Black Corps,
but if they evince no such
disposition, you will consign
them to the care of the Admiral
Commanding who has received
his instructions as to their disposal.
But you must distinctly
understand that you are in
no case to take Slaves away
as Slaves, but as free Persons
not subject to any restrictions
incompatible with the status
of free persons.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient servant