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To John Wilson Croker

Toronto, Halifax
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Sir,

The enlistment of Refugee Negroes from the United States having already extended to the number of three hundred men, who have been armed and clothed as Marines, and this number being daily increasing I have thought proper for their more ready organization to take from the Second Battalion of Royal Marines under the command of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm three companies amounting to two hundred men, and with these three hundred Refugees to form a third Battalion of Royal and Colonial Marines which I have placed under the command of Brevet Major George Lewis; appointing to it the same staff that came ~~with~~ out with the ten companies sent to reinforce the Second Battalion, excepting that I have separated the combined situations of Pay and Quarter Master which Lieutenant Adamson hold^(sic), giving him the former and Lieutenant Thomas Salmon the latter.

These refugees have yet received only eight dollars bounty, but I purpose, with the approbation of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to direct their being paid each eight dollars more as they are found to be peculiarly adapted for the Service in this country being capable of undergoing much fatigue and having in the late affairs, where they were employed as skirmishers to the Army, conducted themselves with much steadiness and bravery.

I have the honor to be etc

A. Cochrane