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Cochrane Letters MS 2346
Croker - Cochrane
14 Sept. 1814 (cont.)

You will observe that a rocket ship and party trained to rocket exercise have been added to the force.

My letter of the 10th August promised you some supernumeraries to enable you to man the small craft, which Rear Admiral Brown is directed to collect at Negril; I am now to acquaint you that for this purpose and to make up the ordinary deficiency of the Squadron under your command 400 Seamen, 100 boys and 100 marines proceed in Captain Walker's sloop to join you. To the 100 marines are attached a double proportion of non-commissioned officers from amongst whom and the other non-commissioned officers of the Squadron a sufficient number of volunteers for the service of disciplining the Indians will probably offer, but My Lords cannot themselves promise, or authorise you to promise or confer the rank of commissioned officers on these volunteers.

I am to signify to you their Ld's further commands that if you have any means of providing otherwise for the transport of the troops embarked in the Bedford or as soon as you can spare her from the service, ^{in which} she is now employed, you are to direct her captain to join Rear Admiral Brown at Jamaica and follow his orders for her farther proceedings. You will send the enclosed letter to the Rear Admiral of that ship (sic) when you shall detach her.

Embarked	Rank & File
98 Regt.	900
95 D ^o	470
Detach ^{ts} 4 th , 21 st , 44 th & 86 th	380
One Squadron 14 Lt. Dps.	150
Rocket men	40
Sappers & miners	50
	2150

I am Sir
Yours most obedient
humble servant
J W Croker