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Most Secret to R. Adm. Malcolm

19 Sept. 1814

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By the Hble Sir A. Cochrane KB - - -

It being the intention of His Majesty's Govt that the division of Troops acting on this Coast should join the Army of Lieut. Genl. Lord Hill on the — of Nov^r next off Point Negril you will prepare to proceed with them under your particular charge — You will take care to have all the Troops Ships and Transports compleat in their water and also in their provisions as far as the supplies will admit and taking also under your orders the Ships of War named in the margin hereof you will put to sea with the whole on the 10th day of next October and make the best of your way to Point Negril, leaving sealed Rendevous for my Ships which may be diverted to join you to be opened after they are ten leagues East of the Capes of Virginia and delivering to those with you similar sealed Rendevous for point Negril — Should you be in want of provisions you will forward your demands to the care of Rear Adm^l Brown at Jamaica — and you will endeavour to keep the ships under your orders in every respect compleat and ready to proceed to their further destination on the 20th day of next November — Upon your quitting the Chesapeake you will ~~leave the~~ ^{leave the} command in the hands of the Senior Officer of H M Ships remaining, putting under his charge the whole of the Marines first Battalion with the accompanying orders for his guidance And you will make such changes in the ships destined to receive Troops or Marines as you may find most advantageous for the purpose of the expedition

Given on board H M S Tonnant 19th Sept. 1814

A. Cochrane,