

MS 2346 Most Secret to R. Adm. ~~Halifax~~ ^{Cochrane}
Sept. 23 1814

Most Secret &
Confidential

Torquay 23rd Sept 1814
Lynnhaven Bay

My dear Admiral / before opening this letter retire,
lest any person should see it. —

His Maj^y Gov^t have resolved upon the conquest of
New Orleans, Louisiana etc. Lord Hill is to be at
Barbadoes by the first of November with ~~Seymour~~ (seven?)
thousand men — they ~~will~~ ^{plan} to form a junction with
the Troops from here on the 20th of that month at Negril
Point W. end of Jamaica — from thence they proceed to
Mobile — I intend to be at Guadaloupe before the 1st of
Nov^r to meet Lord Hill — I hope to leave Halifax by
the 8th or 10th of next month — You may therefore calculate
upon my receiving any dispatches you may send to
Guadaloupe if they arrive there during the first week of Nov^r.
After that at Negril Point or Mobile. I will write to you
more fully from Halifax. I need not say how necessary
it is that the strictest secrecy must be observed as
the Americans may send reinforcements to that
country if it gets wind. —

I am etc

R. Cochrane

see letter of 1 July, ^{above} anticipating a force
of about 20000 men from England, Bordeaux
and Sicily.