

MS 2346
To R. Allen. Cockburn
1 Oct. 1814

Secret

Tromant at Halifax 1 Oct. 1814

Sir.

I intend to leave this place about the 8th of this month and will proceed direct to Guadeloupe. As the expedition will leave Jamaica about the 20th of Nov^r it will be of most material consequence to draw off the Enemy's attention previous to the above period by an attack upon their frontier contiguous to Florida and taking possession of Cumberland Island as a place of ~~shelter~~ for the Negroes that wish to join you? from thence to carry out such further offensive operations as you may see necessary or practicable with the force that may be under your command - The conduct of the inhabitants of Savannah requires a savage retaliation - You will therefore use your best endeavours to make them feel the effects of their late disgraceful conduct to a flag of truce sent in by the Lacedaemonian - I enclose for you for this information an extract of a letter from Lt Genl Sir George Prevost in which his request that retaliatory measures may be carried on against the coast of the United States is again renewed, which I have to desire you will see carried into effect.

Your appearance upon the coast of Georgia from the 10th to the 20th of Nov^r will oblige the executives of that State to recall their troops from the Indian territory, for the protection of the coast by which means our Indian allies will be left at liberty to join our Army when it (is) landing in the vicinity of New Orleans & any ships that may arrive from England you will take under your orders. You will inform me once a fortnight by one of the small vessels of your proceedings. The most expeditious route will be by the Hole in the Wall or New Providence Channel. You may also carry on correspondence with me by way of Pensacola for which an arrangement may be made at Amelia Island.

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