

the purpose of the Result of our Observations  
If you think importance to  
forming a Corps of these Blacks to act  
against their former Masters, I think  
My dear Sir your Proclamation should  
not so distinctly hold out to them the  
option of being sent as free settlers  
to British Settlements which they will  
most certainly all prefer to the danger  
& pain of joining us in Arms; in the  
temptations I now hold out to them  
I shall therefore only mention generally  
our willingness & readiness to receive &  
protect them, and to put some in their  
hands if they chuse to use them in  
conjunction with us, The Black Regiment from

the Chesapeake, of which  
with a Plan I saw  
last year, they  
of the Potomac  
tracts from which  
our Ships lay

in as good a situation as possible  
blackening every part of the Chesapeake  
Hampshire and the James & York Rivers.  
only fear is as to their being able  
supply as much water as may be  
necessary, the Barrens & Newmarket however  
had there last year & I am in great  
hope that we shall find enough by  
digging a number of wells, and if they  
at any time fail us we must be  
wintering place at New Point Comfort is