

Ships I am to count upon for the present
in addition to that which carries my
Flag, are, the Dragon, three Frigates,
and one Sloop of War, besides the
Frigate and two Sloops of War now
off Charleston, and in this number
the Congress is included, which
Ship only arrived here the 21st Instth,
and besides her Foremast & Bowspine
requiring to be changed, is otherwise
in want of very considerable repairs.

By your Letter of the 23rd Sept^r,
you desire me to dispose of two
Frigates, and eight Sloops for the
Blockade of the Carolinas and
Georgia, and by your last Letter
by Callope, you recommend my
placing four Frigates and two
more Sloops in the Chesapeake,
and taking with me the Dragon
to assist in the Offensive Operations
which you intimate your wish
that I should commence on the
Georgian Coast early in the next
month.

The Impossibility therefore of my
doing