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your Instructions to me.

The Surprize which arrived here on the 28th Ult^o. will be taken in hand so soon as Albion & Euryalus are completed. Sir Thomas Cochrane reports her to require much being done to her caulking and refitting of Rigging and her Fore Yard to be changed.

The Armate and Portia have made their Anchors to the Southward of the Island but cannot get in on account of its now blowing a Gale from the Northward.

The Surprize and Armate will, as far as to your directions remain here at the disposal of Commodore Evans. The Portia if not under such orders as to prevent me, I shall consider as one of the Vessels you expected to come here from England, of which I understand you to intend I should take the whole under my Orders for the Service on the Coast of America.

Molverine has not yet made her appearance and as the Sick and Wounded on board the Diadem are getting worse I do not propose to detain her and the Dolphin for the Chordane

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