

appoint you to command, and which
 Sloop you have consequently come hither
 to join, has not been heard of for six
 months past and little or no doubt is
 now entertained of her having
 perished. I therefore recommend
 you to return to England or to the
 Commander in Chief to report
 accordingly and I have directed
 the Captain of His Majesty's Ship
 Rota to give you a passage to
 Jamaica if you wish to avail
 yourself thereof, to facilitate your
 so doing.

Captain Donnell

I am &c
 Signed

Wm de C. Lockburn Rear Adm.

Head Quarters St. Marys

21 January 1845.

Sir

I have received your Letter of
 this Date representing to me that
 the 3 Battalion of Royal & Colonial
 Marines since their being embodied
 have never been supplied with Field
 Equipment and also representing the