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Sir,

I have just received your letter by Mr
Cooke, regarding the return of the Leeward
and Maines, to Washington should cir-
cumstances appear to justify such a measure.

The position of the enemy is now
quite as favorable for an attack on this
place as it has ever been. The only question
to decide is whether it has ever been their
intention to molest it - My own opinion
is, ~~that they~~ have no intention of doing it at
present, but as the general opinion here
is different. I propose to consult with the
Governor on the subject in the morning
and be governed in some degree by his
opinion. - It is on every account desirable