

in dividing the force necessary
a good effect can be produced
he is at liberty to do, but
the latitude of discretion he exercises
in other respects is inadmissible
The previous sanction of
the department can be soon
and easily obtained for any reason-
able purpose - As the enemy
was attracted to Sorecock only by
the valuable vessels & property
which ~~he~~ ^{there} he has as might have been expected
withdrawn as soon as that object
was attained. and such was his
force that if the whole fleet
of the station had been there
it would probably have fallen
such is the extent of exposure
of our coast and harbor and
such the powerful means
means of the enemy that we can
not expect to oppose an equal
force ~~as we can~~ ^{it may prove}
which he may ~~as we can~~ ^{as we can}

such of the articles required
in his letter of the 16. as may
appear to the Department reasonable
shall be sent forward as soon as
the means of transportation will
admit. I again repeat the
necessity of care and economy
to keep down unnecessary expenditure

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Requesting to be in-
ed with certain
which he considered
site to render
and more efficient

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All that is required of
of him is ~~to~~ ^{to} in the
the ~~very~~ ^{very} already giving
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~very~~ ^{very} ~~very~~ ^{very}
to make the best
an of the force entrusted
command - The Department
be the exclusive judge and deter-
mination to turn the nature
of that force, to which
soon be added 3 or 4 large
or Gallies. In his own view
the extent of the discretion he
exercises. and by concentrating