

I told You, in my first communication, that I
would not do for the flotilla to lay at St Mary's
they might as well be in the Bay: In proceeding
up the River, I shall not act contrary to my
instructions: I have never considered You
as responsible for the flotilla, & shall take
all that on myself - I have sent You
one of the copies of the signals established
between us. I have to inform You, that, on
examining one of the other Boats. find that
I have provision enough to last 4 or 5 days
longer than I expected.

I am in very respects
Yr: O^bt. Serv^t
(Sig^d) Geo: C. Read

Capt Chas Gordon