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appointed, or without being so I cannot make the arrangements for carrying into execution the confidential Communications with which I am charged, nor can I be responsible for their success unless the direction of His Majesty's Squadron is placed in my hands.

The advanced Season of the Year and the Service upon which the Troops under Major General Bowran are to be employed require a corresponding distribution of His Majesty's Ships as also a proper selection of Officers and Ships for the various Services to be performed and this does not admit of a moments delay.

When Sir Francis Laforey produced to me his Commission appointing him Commander in Chief upon the Leward Islands Station I considered it as superseding the one I held and consequently immediately resigned to him the

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