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by its strength, the operation intended by His Majesty's Government, for the Force at my disposal, during the ensuing winter months, must in a great degree, or altogether be abandoned.

By the Reinforcements which Sir James Geo received from the 2nd Battalion, a number beyond the wants of the Ships under command, I cannot come upon what principle: the men of the first Battalion have been detained, and this is the more extraordinary considering the advanced season of the year, which must soon put a stop to all operations upon the Lakes. The service to be carried on upon the coasts of Carolina and Georgia to draw off the attention of the Enemy from other Quarters upon which

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