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the Marines were to have been employed cannot now be carried into full effect.

I request therefore that your Excellency will be pleased to give instructions for this Battalion's strength being forthwith sent to Quebec for embarkation that it may be in time to come down the St. Lawrence before the season is too far advanced: otherwise the failure of the operation which the absence of this Force may occasion cannot rest with me.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant

(Signd) T. Cochrane

Vice Admiral, and Commander in Chief.