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Sir

I have the Honor to report to You, the Arrival here of the Expedition after a passage of Forty six days. The Troops in general continued very healthy - but some few Instances of Scurvy having appeared - paid to the necessity of white washing & purifying the Ships. the Men were, with the Approbation of Sir John Warren, landed & encamped under small Tents furnished by the Troop Ships, there being no Camp Equipage of any Sort in this Island. These Troops have been since reembarked - the 1st Independent Company of Foreigners has embarked this morning - and the Detachment of the 102d Regiment are to embark in the Ships of War, the moment their Water & Provisions are completed.

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For the better & surer Circulation of Orders, as well as for their readier Execution, I have, with the concurrence of the Admiral, divided the Troops into two Brigades & placed them under the Command of Lieut. Colonel Napier of the 102d Regiment, and Lieut. Col. Williams of the Royal Marines. both Officers of considerable Experience - By the Returns You will perceive the Brigades are not equalized, but I could not well deprive Colonel Napier of the detachment of his own Regt. nor did I think it prudent to send both the Companies of Foreigners together - Should they prove steady beyond my Expectations, I shall embrace the earliest Opportunity of equalizing our little Brigades - I think this Arrangement will meet the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty

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