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Goulburn to Croker

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To J. W. Croker Esq^r
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Darwin Street
March 19th 1813

Sir,

I am directed by Lord Bathurst before whom I have laid your letter of the 17th inst. to acquaint you for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that in addition to the two battalions of Marines to be embarked at Plymouth it is intended to employ on a particular service the Force specified in the Margin; and his Lordship trusts that if on their arrival at Bermuda the Troop-ships employed on this service should not be able to accommodate the whole force provision may be made by the Admiral commanding on the station for their conveyance for their ultimate destination on board some ship of war.

As the 102nd Regiment and one independent Company are now stationed in the island of Bermuda and as it is necessary that a force should be detached from this Country to replace them, I am directed to acquaint you that 400 men of the 4th Garrison Battalion now stationed in Guernsey have been ordered to be in readiness for immediate embarkation on that service. His Lordship conceives that much time would be saved by their conveyance to Bermuda on board the Troop-ships now under orders & has therefore directed me to submit to the Lords Commissioners the advantage of dispatching one Troop Ship to Guernsey for the purpose of taking on board these men or so many of them as can be conveniently accommodated.

The other independent Company is stationed in the neighbourhood of Portsmouth and is ready to embark.

I am further directed by Lord Bathurst

102nd Regt - 300
Independent Coy - 150
68 Independent Coy - 150