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Bathurst to Barnes

but he will be instructed to concert with you as to the best mode of effecting the same respectively. You will decide as to the time when you may consider it expedient to reembark the Troops as that must in a great degree be regulated by the success of your undertaking and by the approach of the Enemy's Force, but you will previously ascertain whether in the opinion of the Commander of the Naval Force there is any period particularly unfavorable for reembarkation.

You will regularly transmit to me for the information of His Majesty's Government detailed accounts of your proceedings and of any operations in which you may have been engaged.

When the object of the descent which you may make on the Coast is to take possession of any Naval or Military stores you will not delay the destruction of them in preference to taking them away if there is reasonable ground of apprehension that the Enemy is advancing with Superior Force to effect their recovery.

If in any descent you shall be enabled to take such positions as to threaten the inhabitants with the destruction of their property, you are hereby authorized to levy upon them contributions in return for your forbearance, but you will not by this understand that the Magazines belonging to the Government, or their Harbours, or their Shipping are to be included in such arrangements. These together with their contents are in all cases to be taken away or destroyed.

You will not encourage any disposition which may be manifested by the Negroes to rise upon their masters. The Humanity which ever influences His Royal Highness must make him anxious to protect against a system of warfare which must be attended by the atrocities