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Downing Street 20th May 1814

Sir

It having been judged expedient to effect a Diversion on the Coasts of the United States of America in favour of the Army employed in the Defence of Upper and Lower Canada, Admiral Sir A. Cochrane has received Instructions to direct a Squadron to proceed with a Detachment of Troops and a Battalion of Marines towards those places on the Coast where it may appear to him most advisable that a Descent should be made; and His Royal Highness The Prince Regent confiding in your Valour, Enterprize and discretion has been graciously pleased to commit to you the Command of these Troops in such Operations as you may judge it expedient when on shore to undertake.

To Major General Barnes
or the Officer in Command of the
Troops detached from the Gironde

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