difficulties or facilities with which its execution may be attended. You will also consider yourself authorized to decline engaging in any operation which you have reason to apprehend will lead from the probability of its failure to the discredit of the Troops under your command or will expose them to a loss disproportioned to the advantage which it may be the object of the attack to attain.

While afloat you will consider yourself as under the command of the Naval Officer commanding this expedition: the disembarkation of the Troops and their rembarkation will be directed by him; 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 rembark the Troops as that must in a great degree be regulated by the success of

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