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respectable that there may remain no doubt of its being equal to the object which Sir A. Cochrane has proposed, & to which His Majesty's Government attach a great Importance.

I have therefore ordered the immediate Embarkation of the Troops noted in the Margin under the Command of M. Genl. Keane, & I have instructed that officer to place himself & his Corps under your Orders. - I have also directed the Commander of the Forces in Jamaica to place at your Disposal the 5th West India Regiment, & 200 Black Pioneers: - so that, when the whole of your force shall have been assembled at the place of rendezvous, I calculate that you will proceed to your destination with near 6000 men, exclusive of the Marines & Seamen. Care has also been taken to send out whatever was necessary for arming & equipping the friendly Indians: - & you may reckon upon receiving further supplies of Arms, Ammunition, Provisions & some Heavy Ordnance by the Jamaica fleet which is to leave England in October. - About the same time you will be joined by the 1st West India Regt from Guadaloupe.

95th Regt 960
 95th — 470
 Detachm^{ts} of 4th 380
 21st, 44th & 86th Regts
 One Squadron of 160
 M^{ts} C. & B. -
 Cavalry Battⁿ
 16 Comp^s R. A. } 150
 with Detach^t
 of Drivers -
 Rocketmen 40
 Sappers & Miners 50
 Sappers & Miners 2150

Having thus recapitulated the means which are placed in your hands, I proceed to explain the leading objects which are in the contemplation of His Majesty's Government, & which render the Success of your Expedition extremely important.

The first of these objects is to obtain a Command of the Embouchure of the Mississippi,