having availed ourselves of their support while it was necessary, & leaving them without protection when it became convenient.

The Instructions I have given you with regard to the people of Louisiana apply, & with still greater force (more particularly that part of the Instructions which relates to the repressing a Disposition to revolt in the Black Population) to the inhabitants of West Florida, over whom the Government of the United States has assumed a Dominion which can be regarded only as a usurpation.

It must be left to the judgement of Sir Alexr. Cochrane & yourself to determine whether any & what operations can be carried ~~on~~ on against the Enemy's Southern States, after the Reduction of New Orleans & the giving every practicable support to the Indian Nations. But, if you shall both be of opinion that nothing further of material importance ought to be attempted in that quarter, you will, after providing for the Defense of New Orleans, or any other Posts you may see it advisable to occupy with a view to the two leading Objects to which I have directed your attention, cause the disposable part of your Force to return to Bermudas, in order to its being employed afterwards as fresh Instructions from Home or the Circumstances of the War in America may render necessary.

I have the Honor to be
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[Signed] Bathurst