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Cochrane to Croker
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the month of April, at which time we shall be about to recommence our operations in the Chesapeake.

I submit this plan to the consideration of Government, & beg to be informed as soon as possible if it is to be acted upon.

As Rear Admiral Cockburn will be constantly employed upon that coast I recommend that their Lordships instructions directed to me off New Orleans should be sent in duplicate to him for his perusal.

I shall make an arrangement to have a regular conveyance established between Amelia Island & Pensacola. By this means I shall have a double chance of receiving your communications, and the Rear Adm^l will have at least three weeks previous knowledge of the Instructions of Government.

* Have been informed
by

A.C.

* A report has just reached me by a vessel from Quebec that Sir George Prevost has drafted all the Marines of the First Battalion & that he is about to send me merely the staff. Their Lordships will be well aware how serious a disappointment I feel ~~at~~ in being deprived of this excellent corps upon which they have taught me to rely, & how much it may cramp our future operations on the coast.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant

Alex^r Cochrane
Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief

This letter has been copied by Rear Ad^l Codrington being unable from the Rheumatism in my arm to write much myself.

A.C.