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These small vessels are to be manned from the ships under your orders, and to enable you to effect this without distressing the Squadron, some supernumeraries will be sent in the Line of Battle ship which convoys the Troop ships.

At Jamaica the force is to be further increased by the 5th West India Regiment and 200 black Pioneers, for which these small vessels will afford you the means of transport, but lest any accident should prevent Admiral Brown from obtaining these vessels, or that they should appear better fitted to some other purpose of the Expedition, it is advisable that you should bring down with you all the Troop ships which may be at your disposal.

The ships from Europe will convey to you a number of Rifles, Carbines, and an adequate quantity of ammunition, for the purpose of arming the friendly Indians, agreeably to your suggestion; and measures will be taken for forwarding to the Gulf of Mexico, by a future fleet, an additional supply of arms and ammunition, together with another black Regiment; if it can be spared without inconvenience from the West Indies.

Each of the Troop ships will carry two flat boats; but, as to the articles specified in a list mentioned in your letter, and which articles you complain of not having received, I am to acquaint you that no such list appears in this office; but if you allude to a list delivered by you privately to my Lord Melville, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to refer you on this point to such private answer as his Lordship may have thought proper to give you.