instance into the back parts of Georgia, & the Country of the friendly Indians:- & it is left to your joint Discretion to decide upon this Question.

The first of the two objects above mentioned might perhaps be secured (after dispersing the Enemy of New Orleans) by your occupying some position upon the River which may be less unhealthy than the immediate Neighbourhood of New Orleans is understood to be, - or by fortifying some of the Islands near the Mouth of the Mississippi.

The extreme importance of your taking every precaution to secure the Health of your Troops cannot be too strongly pressed upon your Attention - and you must be prepared to find New Orleans situated in the Midst of Swamps & Marshes, & exposed during the Summer Months to the diseases incidental to such a situation.

If you find that, with the requisite of the Army, you can maintain the requisite Command of the River, by occupying Islands or positions where the Health of your Troops would be liable to less risk than in New Orleans itself, you will lose no time in strengthening such posts by every means within your disposal. - But if no such situations can be found, you must

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