But, having regard to the supposed unhealthiness of the Climate, you will not, at any rate, place there a more numerous Garrison than is absolutely necessary, & of this Garrison the two Black Regiments which will be placed under your Command should form a part, unless any local Objections should make this inexpedient.

It must be remembered that the temporary in force of any position which would effectually command the Embouchure of the Mississippi without obliging you to Garrison Mobile and, or expose your Troops to its unhealthy Situation, would secure the

Main object of the Expedition, would enable us to maintain as much or as little Intercourse as we may think expedient with the Inhabitants of Louisiana, & would not expose us to the Charge, at a Conclusion of Peace, of 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

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