the Government of the United States has assumed a Dominion which can be regarded only as an usurpation.

It must be left to the judgment of Sir Alex: Cochrane & yourself to determine whether any & what Operations can be carried 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 Defence of New Orleans, or any other Posts you may see it advisable



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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 &c.

(Signed) Bathurst.

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