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New Orleans I consider the force to be employed as perfectly adequate without the assistance of the Marines whom I wish to employ on a service of equal consequence. — As it is a most material object to occupy the attention of the States of South Carolina & Georgia before the Expedition leave Jamaica, in order to draw off the Force they have in the interior now employed against the Indians, for the defence of their Sea coast, I have directed Rear Admiral Cockburn to take with him the second & third battalion of Marines consisting of about one thousand men, and about the 10th of November to make a landing upon the Southern frontier of Georgia, taking post upon Cumberland Island and there throwing up temporary works for the protection of the negroes that seek refuge under the British flag. — About 200 men will be sufficient for the security of this post, where they will be daily gaining strength. With the two battalions of Marines & the additional aid which can be spared from the Shipping the Rear Admiral will have a force of about 1500 men, with which he will be able to occupy the attention of the Enemy whilst we

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