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are carrying on our operations in Louisiana.

You forgot to name the troops upon the margin of your letter, as also the number of troop-ships. I am well pleased however to observe that every ship is to bring out two flat boats, as we are much cramped in our means of landing a sufficient body of men to resist the immediate attack of an Enemy.

I am much afraid that it will not be in the power of Rear Admiral Brown to procure the number of small vessels you speak of, 40 to 20 of a construction calculated for the shoal water in the vicinity of New Orleans.

The 5th West India Regiment will be of much use, & I hope that the other may also follow. But as the composition of the West India Regiments does not make them equal to British troops in numbers fit for active service, I trust that none but the really effective men be allowed to come with them.

I am glad to find that the Rifles & Carbines are on their way; but I hope they are accompanied by some hundred sets of Dragoon's accoutrements for the Indians as well as such Cavalry as we may be able to form from the regiments and