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and if an additional force can be sent from home so as to compose a body of six thousand men I am fully satisfied that there two States will be at our mercy. And by recruiting now during the winter I expect to add at least 2,000 men to that number before the month of April, at which time we shall be ready to recommence our operations in Pensacola.

I submit this plan to the consideration of Government, & beg to be informed as soon as possible if it is to be acted upon.

As Rear Admiral Cockburn will be constantly employed upon that coast I recommend that their Lordships instructions directed to me off New Orleans should be sent in duplicate to him for his perusal.

I shall make an arrangement to have a regular conveyance established between Amelia Island & Pensacola. By this means I shall have a double chance of receiving your communications, and the Rear Adm.l will have at least three weeks previous knowledge of the intentions of Government.

* A report has just reached me by a vessel from

* This has been confirmed by an account from Pensacola &c.

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