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from Quebec that Sir George Prevost has drafted all the Marines of the First Battalion & that he is about to send me merely the Sailors.

Their Lordships will be well aware how serious a disappointment I feel in being deprived of this excellent corps upon which they had taught me to rely, & how much it may cramp our future operations on the coast.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

Alexd Cochrane

Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief

The letter has been copied by Rear Adm. Codrington - having unable from the Rheumatism in my hand to write much myself. ~~[illegible]~~

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