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We advisd you by Captn Handy of our Resolution to fit out the Conqueror again for immediate Service. — We have accordingly directed the Officers to take on board her Provisions & Stores, and to ship Men, which there's a prospect of doing very speedily, there being a good many Seamen now out of employ. —

As there is not a prospect of Captn James Nicholson being able to go shortly on the Service, we have engaged his Brother John who we expect will be very agreeable to the Seamen, to take the Command in his Place, at least untill he recovers. We have also engaged Captn L, Roche who was his First Mate in the Burling, a very brave young French Man who will be able to engage a number of Frenchmen to go with him. — We hope to be able to have her ready to go down in two or three days.

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We have had it reported that you intended sending the other Gallies up Sworn in Case of the Enemy coming up the Bay. If the Snow Galley is in such Condition that She could soon be fitted for Service, We are still of Opinion it would be advisable if you think fit to send her here & get her in readiness. We believe it will be beyond the extent of our Funds to engage Manning her at our Expence, but we have no doubt of your disposition to do every thing you can on such an Emergency. We think that in Case of the Enemy coming up, we might be able to get her readily manned for temporary Service in the River, and in that Case the Expence of a few Weeks Service would not be great, and there is not a doubt that One such Galley in the