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By the Right Honble Samuel  
Lord Rear Admiral of the  
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Whereas three of the Enemies  
Squadrons of Line of Battle Ships are daily  
expected at Cape Francois, one from the Havana  
another from Europe and a third from Boston.  
according to the Intelligence I have received from  
Rear Admiral Rowley Governor Campbell &c and  
it being of the utmost consequence to the Kings  
Service that Frigates should be stationed at  
different places to procure further Intelligence,  
look out for and give me notice of the Approach  
of either of the said Squadrons.

You are hereby required and  
directed to proceed with His Majesty's Ships  
under your Command as expeditiously as you  
can to the Northward of the Island of Maya-  
guana and between that and the Cayes  
Island keeping a most vigilant look out for the  
Havana and Boston Squadrons, and upon  
discovering of either, You will make all  
possible haste to join me between Isabella  
Point and Montserrat. You may expect to  
see L. Amable to the Northward of the Cayes  
Island

to Land, and in case you do. You will be please  
to direct the Commanders to confirm this order  
out to the Turks to Land passage and you will  
attend to that of the Captains. You will continue  
upon this Station as long as your Water will  
last and then return to me. And as this Duty  
is of the greatest importance to the Kings Service  
I trust you will not be diverted from a strict  
Attendance to it. by Meeting to any distance.

Given under my hand on board  
His Majesty's Ship's Rear-Banner  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782.

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Copy of Rear Admir<sup>l</sup>  
Lord Hood's order to  
Captain Parry of the  
Action of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1782

To  
Captain Parry.  
Commander of His  
Majesty's Ship

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