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Mr. Ellis most humbly asks his Majesty's pardon for interrupting His Majesty in his retirement but as Mr. Ellis is obliged to change the matter of his letters to Sir Jeffrey Amherst by this unlucky event which are to be sent by the Packet which is to sail tomorrow he finds himself obliged to submit to His Majesty's pleasure the following expedients to remedy the impending inconvenience.

The service of Louisiana is totally unprovided, for which His Majesty destined two Regiments. The Eleventh now lies ready to sail at Portsmouth,

if the transports destined to carry that  
Regiment to Minorca be complicated in  
their victualling, that Regiment may  
have orders to sail immediately to take  
possession of Louisiana - Jeffrys's which  
lies at Plymouth may be the speediest  
to send on the same service - The garrisons  
of Portsmouth & Plymouth may  
be supplied by some of these Regiments  
which come from the Hawannah, who  
are so weak that it will be both cruel  
& useless to send them back in their pre-  
sent condition. Three Regiments may  
be completed by draughts to five hundred

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men, of those who are now upon the Irish  
Establishment may be replaced by three  
of these Havanah Regiments who  
will be soon compleated with men in  
that Kingdom. The 47<sup>th</sup> & 53<sup>th</sup> Regi-  
ments which were destined for Europe  
may by the letters which will go tomorrow  
be stop'd in America. Thus His  
Majesty may be pleas'd to observe that  
it will become necessary to send back  
but three of these Regiments, namely  
Noel's to Jamaica which may imme-  
diately be compleated by the reduced  
men of Irwin's & Hanswicke, & the

Regiment of Lord Frederick Cavendish  
which is the strongest of all those  
who return, consisting at present of  
three hundred & thirteen Rank &  
File by Genl. Keppel's return, & Gage's -  
All which is most humbly submitted  
to His Majesty's decision -

Abstract of the above

3 - Regiments from Ireland

2 - Regiments from England

2 - Stopped in America

3 - Sent back