

Dec. 9th Off San Pedro

I have joined the Admiral at this place
 which is as far as Ships of the Line
 can go, we are removing the Troops
 to Frigates and smaller Depots - to our
 landing place it is seventy miles
 and the Frigates can only go a short
 distance - we are all provided with
 Depots of small Draft of Water
 & the shape of the Landing we
 propose making a belt of Ground
 in the mouth of Pearl River but the
 Journey here is short & flat - which
 we must compare our Boats if
 this night to attack them ~~and~~
 attend them, for unless ~~they~~ it is
 destroyed we cannot proceed -
 the weather is extremely cold. See
 every morning thanks for your kind
 letters and Hookings, they are most
 desirable - I am not surprised
 if much I don't like the expedition