

been defeated, more particularly in  
their late Expeditions.

These Miscarriages have, not  
only brought great Disreputation  
upon the Projectors of those Expeditions,  
but have likewise rendered the  
Inhabitants contemptible to the  
Negroes, who now begin to think  
themselves equal to any Undertaking.

The first Expedition therefore to  
be made against them by the regular  
Troops, should be undertaken with  
proper Caution, for the Fate of the  
Gland may in some measure depend  
upon their Success.

It may perhaps be pretty difficult,  
at this Distance, to form a Plan for  
carrying on a War against Savages in  
Woods and Mountains, in a method  
unknown to regular Troops; yet some  
general Rules may possibly be laid  
down, proper to be put in practice,  
where the Nature of the Country and  
the Circumstances of the People will

allow

want of Conduct, some times want of  
Courage in the Commanding Officers of  
those Partys, some times want of  
Arms, Ammunition or Provisions, &  
some times the neglect of appointing  
proper places of Rendezvous, where  
different Detachments were to joyn,  
some times the want of Guides or non  
observance of the hours or Routes  
appointed for their March.

2.<sup>d</sup> It is to be hoped that few  
Mistakes of this nature can happen  
to regular Troops, But perhaps it  
may be worth animadversion, that  
notwithstanding the consequence of  
this Service, the King has no Military  
Officer in the Island of Jamaica above  
the Rank of a Captain, & amongst  
these the eldest upon Detachments  
must always command, whatever  
his abilities may be; It is therefore  
submitted, whether it might not be  
necessary to send over two Field Officers  
with the Governor, of the Rank of  
Lieutenant

Lieutenant Colonels or Majors at the least, Men of Service & Judgement, to be recommended by some General Officer here, that will be answerable for their Characters.

Proper Persons may be had for this purpose upon suitable Encouragement. The Troops might be put under their Command, and as they have no Companies of their own, they would be the more exact in seeing Discipline observed, and the numbers of Men kept up to the Establishment.

3.<sup>dy</sup> — If it should be thought necessary to send these two Field Officers; to make them the more usefull to the Public, they should be allowed to sit and vote in Council, whenever the Governour and Council shall deliberate about any — Matters relative to the King's Troops.

4.<sup>thly</sup> — As nothing can more readily contribute to the Reduction of the Negroes than an open and easy Communication

Communication from one end of the  
Island to the other; The Governor may be  
directed to propose to the Assembly to  
make such a Road, in imitation of  
those made by General Wade in Scotland.

5. <sup>It</sup> It might likewise be a great  
Advantage and Security to y<sup>e</sup> Island  
to have defensible Barracks built in  
proper Stations at convenient Distances,  
each of them capable to lodge one hundred  
Men at least with their Officers commo-  
-diously.

6. <sup>It</sup> It might be of great Service to  
the Regular Troops to have their Parties  
attended by some Bodies of the Misquito  
Indians, who are proper to range the  
Woods and give <sup>early</sup> notice of Ambuscades;  
For want of such Rangers many of  
their former Parties have miscarried.

These Indians were formerly great  
Friends to the People of Jamaica, —  
They have never owned the Sovereignty  
of Spain but submitted to that of  
Great

The Spaniards have practised this  
Method with Success through the  
whole Continent of the West Indies;  
There is hardly a great Town in New  
Spain that has not a place of —  
Refuge of this sort, call'd by them  
Polanques, and their old Runaway  
Negroes thro' process of Time are  
become as good Subjects to the King  
of Spain, as any he has in Mexico or  
Peru.

9<sup>th</sup> — And lastly it is humbly sub=  
=mitted considering how little Judgment  
the People of Jamaica have hitherto —  
shown in the Conduct of their Affairs,  
whether they should not be restrained  
from employing the Troops in any new  
Expeditions, till they shall have digested  
a proper Scheme for that purpose, in  
Conjunction with Mr. Cunningham  
their Governor and the Officers —  
propos'd to attend him — In the  
mean Time the President of the  
Council may be directed to put the

via Independent Companies upon  
their arrival into good Quarters of  
Refreshment, disposing them in  
such manner as to protect their  
out Settlements and to continue upon  
the Defensive till further orders.

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Hanover Square Oct 27<sup>th</sup> 1734

Sr

I did not trouble you before your  
Departure for Norfolk, with the enclosed  
Considerations on the present State of James  
2<sup>d</sup> Ca, with respect to their Runaway Negroes,  
nor would I do it now, but that I apprehend  
the Subject, at least, to be of great Importance,  
whatever ~~the~~ Attention, my thoughts  
upon it, may deserve — Such as they  
are therefore let me intreat you to per-  
use them, that if any thing useful be  
found in them, it may be carryed into  
execution immediately after your return  
from your Country — I wish you perfect  
health and much diversion there,  
D<sup>o</sup> Honble<sup>st</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Walpole 1020 having  
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