

Bladensburg, Maryland 26th May 1814

My dear Sir.

I am favored with your kind Letter of the 31st of March. - From my private letters to you or to Sir John Warren, you will have perceived, I recommended, on Congress having repealed the embargo and other restrictive acts, that a general Blockade should be enforced on the part of His Majesty. - This I was happy to find you had done. I am convinced of the propriety of the measure.

I must have expressed myself incorrectly, if my letter to you, conveyed the Idea that my removal to this place, was intended by the American Government as a personal act of inconvenience to me. I beg leave to assure, I have on the contrary received at all times, personal testimony of its wishes to accommodate me. - Nor should I have complained if the removal to this place was confined to my own inconvenience, because it is my inclination and wish to make my convenience subservient to the public service. - my removal was founded on the injury His Majesty's Service would sustain in placing me in this retired out of the way place, remote from the principal Depots of Prisoners, and from the Stations at and from which the Captives with Prisoners arrive and depart, by which means, I am deprived of communicating at a moment, which is frequently necessary, with my sub Agents. - By my removal, I am also under the necessity of confiding all pecuniary transactions, such as selling Bills of exchange &c &c to a sub Agent at New York - and deprived of the superintendance of the purchases of clothing for Prisoners. Had it been in the power of this Government to have given any good reasons for my removal, I should have been satisfied; but this is not the case. - On my application to the Secretary of State to know the

motives

The Hon^{ble} Sir Alexander Cochrane. H B.