

Sir,

H. M. S. *Albatross*,
3rd April 1864

It affords me much satisfaction to understand that your Govt propose to erect the Signal Post at Gillies Hill, which is by far the most important situation in this Island, it warns the shipping when making the land or approaching from the Westward and by it information may be communicated to shipping ships both at sea and in Port, when the Enemy's fleet are upon the coast, this may lead to their capture and the Merchant Shipping will be secured against danger, by talking the two under some of the batteries should the Enemy's fleet be off the East end, the Post must be permanent and the proprietor (now sold only) demand £400 for it including the building I strongly recommend the purchasing instead of leasing it, as Government will in a few years when the lease expires have to pay ten times that sum, as soon as the consequence of the position is known

To

His Excellency
Major General Hensford
in Bermuda

I have the honor to be
Signed / A. Lockman

Sir,

H. M. S. *Albatross*,
4th April 1864

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instating that you have only twenty seven pounds left in your hands to apply to the Disbursements attendant upon the service of this Department for Purchase of Mail, and requesting I will approve the enclosed Bill for £200 being

I beg to inform you that I have approved the Bills

To

Captain John Lockman

I have the honor to be

Comd. for Transport & Provision of Mail