

by Ramulles 20th April 1844

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Sir,

HMS Asia, Providence

17th April 1844

Having received directions from my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send a ship of War to Newfoundland, to be there by the 1st May to follow the orders of Vice Admiral Sir R. Maitland. HMS ship Victorious being now at Halifax, will convey this letter to you, you will be pleased to direct Capt. Talbot, to fit out with all possible expedition making the best of his way to Newfoundland, upon his arrival there follow the orders of the Vice Admiral accordingly.

To

Dear Sir Griffiths

Have the honor to be Sir

Yours to Halifax

(Signed) A. Cockburn

Yours truly

HMS Asia, Providence

18th April 1844

Sir,

Having received information that a ship having the appearance of an English Frigate was seen yesterday about 20 miles to the Eastward of this Island with her head to the Eastward. You will be pleased to put to sea the moment you possibly can & taking under your orders the Commanders of the Georgiana & Dotrel go in search of her 20 or 30 leagues to the Eastward. When making a sweep round to the S.W., should you not find her proceed in execution of the Commodore's orders, taking with you the Georgiana (which vessel is ordered to New Providence) as far as your courses lie together & having the Dotrel to follow the orders she is ordered to receive off the N.W. end of this Island.

To

Captain Hayes

Majestic

I am Sir

(Signed) A. Cockburn

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HMS Asia, Providence

18th April 1844

Sir,

The Master of this letter Mr. Hugh Hapgood, Master of this ship having volunteered his services for the service of the where from his knowledge of interesting persons in the British Empire, I am sure he will render himself very useful. I have to request that you will be pleased to

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