

St. John's, Bermuda, 25th April 1864

Sir, I have the honor to send you a copy of
a Proclamation which I have this day issued declaring
the whole of the Ports of the United States in a state of
strict rigorous Blockade. I have the honor to be
To, His Excellency Gov. Cameron. sig^d A. Cochrane
from the New Providence

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Sir, In reply to your letter requesting to
join H.M.S. Albion, I have to acquaint you
that Admiral Sir John Barrett having in consequence
of the Report of Surgey, upon the state of your health ap-
pointed an Officer to take charge of the duty of the
H.M.S. Albion until the pleasure of my Lords Com-
manders of the Fleet is known and that Officer having joined
I have charge accordingly; I do not find myself
authorized without their Lordships' directions to send
you rejoicing the Albion, lest it might interfere
with any arrangement their Lordships may have made in
consequence of the appointments which occurred in your
To, Vacancy. I am Sir

M. Chas. Manning sig^d A. Cochrane
late Purser of H.M.S. Albion. H.M. Ship

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Sir, Having judged it expedient for the good
of H.M. Service & to counteract the views of the Executive
Govt of the United States to place all the ports and harbors
Blockaded in a state of strict Blockade I have the honor
to send you copies of the Proclamation for the information of the
Commanders of H.M. Ships & Vessels under your Orders & also an
Order for carrying the same into effect & pointing out
the conduct they are to observe towards Neutral Vessels
attempting to enter or depart from the Ports of the United
States. I have directed Capt. Bulmer of the H.M. Ship
Hood to forward you a copy of the same.

By Order of the Admiralty, 1864