

Shanghai having on board the 90th Regiment (reporting
which I have received no directions) direct to Quebec.

I send your Excellency also a copy of a
proclamation, which I have this day issued, declaring
the whole of the Ports of the United States in strict
and rigorous Blockade.

To
His Excellency

I have the honor to be P^r

Sig^d A. Cochran

Lieut. General Sir Geo. Packenham K.B.

Commander of the Forces Barbadoes.

Asia, Bermuda

27th April 1844

Having been informed that Fresh Provisions
cannot be procured on the Enemy's Coast by the usual
method of Bills, but that it is very possible to obtain
supplies of cattle & Vegetables for specie, I have directed Mr. W.
Patterson my Secretary to furnish you with Two
thousand Dollars, taking your receipt for the same, and
you will be pleased to cause the Purser of His Ship under
your Command to make such Purchases of fresh Provisions
from time to time as you may deem necessary for the
Squadron under your Orders, supplying him with cash
for that purpose to the extent you may conceive to be
warranted taking his receipts for the amount & directing
him to charge himself with such sums as he may
receive from you, in the same manner he would do
for Bills drawn upon the Victualling Board for like
purchases. & also to obtain Vouchers that may enable
him to comply with his instructions as nearly as the
nature of the circumstances under which he may make
such Purchases will admit of. Any residue of cash
you may have upon being removed or relieved from the
Station, you will be pleased to deliver over to the succeeding
Senior Officer upon his receipt, with a copy of his
instructions, or at the end of the Service, when
what shall you may have left to be paid to the

The Barbadoes 20th April 1844.