

St. John's, Bermuda 27th March 1814

Sir

I have much satisfaction in acknowledging the reception of your letter of the 27th March, addressed to Admiral Sir John Warren, acquainting him of the destruction of the 'maie' American Schooner Privateer, by the boats of the Squadron under your orders, commanded by Lieutenant John Sykes of the Belvidera.

I have the honor to be Sir

Yr^s St. John's

Capt. Byron

Belvidera.

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Sir

Since I had the honor of communicating to you the views of His Majesty's Ministers relative to the recruiting of the lost Indian Regiments by the colored population, withdrawing themselves from the United States of America: I have been informed by Admiral Sir John Warren, that the extraneous tools and articles necessary for throwing up works, that come from England, when the Battalion of Marines arrived, had been sent on with them to Canada. I am consequently disappointed in not finding them upon the spot, to commence the operations in the Chesapeake, for the protection of those who may emigrate from that district, as also on the Coast of South Carolina and Georgia. As the immediate taking post in the Chesapeake is the most material point, and without which I cannot carry the views of His Majesty's Government into effect: I beg leave to submit to your consideration the propriety of one of the Engineer Officers now here being sent to Rear Admiral Cockburn, to mark out the defences necessary to give protection to the Emigrants, and as I understand, that a considerable supply of Engineer tools

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