

have lately arrived: that he may be permitted to draw
from the Ordnance Stores, such as can be spared from
the service of the Island, and necessary for erecting
the proposed works. Previous to my leaving England
I was given to understand, that I could find 5000 stand
of arms in charge of the Ordnance Houkuper: but as the
assortments have only arrived, I have to beg that
you will be pleased to authorize the issue of 500 stand
complete of those now in store: to be sent to Rear Admiral
Lockburn to arm the persons that may claim his pro-
tection: this is the more necessary as the Ballastons
of mannis expected from England have not arrived,
and for the present, protection can only be given
from the mannis of the ships, which are liable to be
withdrawn should an Enemy appear. As the
Frigate is under orders for the Chesapeake, I could wish
that such stores as can be spared may be embarked
in the course of tomorrow: with the Officer if his
presence here, can for a short time be dispensed with.

My Excellency—

My. Gen. Howard

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I have the honor to be &c

Sig^d. Lockburn

St. John, Bermuda 2nd May 1814

Sir

Captain Talbot having transmitted
to me your letter of the 22nd March, and its enclosure
respecting Tom Thayer, serving on board the Statira, and
claimed as a native Citizen of the United States. I have
to acquaint you that had the Statira not have left
this station, I would have ordered this Person to have been
given up on Exchange, upon his Father's producing proof
of the identity and nativity of Thayer; and should
any farther application be made respecting this Person,
you will be pleased to say, that it is my intention to
submit his case to the Commandant in Chief upon the
Jamaica Station, for his consideration, the Statira — Statira
has at present under his orders.