

convey to Captain Coote the Officers, Seamen and marines
employed under his immediate command upon this
service, that I view their conduct with admiration,
and that I shall feel much satisfaction in laying
their merits before the Lords Commissioners of the
Admiralty.

The Hon. Mr. St. John

Secretary of Admiralty

St. John

I have the honor to be Sir

Yr. Obedt. Servant

W. J.

Adm. Bermuda 2^d May 1766.

Sir

Until the arrival of reinforcements
from England, I do not find that I can afford you
a greater force for the protection of the Coast of His
Majesty's Colonies of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia,
and those lying to the northward, and for the Blockade
of the Coast of New England, than two ships of the line
Two Frigates, and thirteen Sloops of War, including
those but partly manned. as soon as I have it in
my power I will add one Frigate, and two or three
Sloops. The ships for this service are as follows
'Bulwark, Camellie, Nymphe, Leman, Thunder, Love
'Severn, Martin, Wasp, Rifleman, Curlew, Epervier,
'Rattle, Sophie (under order for Boston Bay) and, Dartmouth
'Thistle, Swallow, Rover, Indian, with the Bream Schooner
I will also send the new Petrel, which is by far the
finest vessel of the kind I have seen, about 300 tons
and will mount 14-18 Guns. the command of
her is given to Lieut. Hare, and Mr. Budlip is ap-
pointed to the Bream, he will take the Petrel from
hence to St. Johns, where they can exchange commands.
I depend in a great measure for the manning of
the Schooner, as well as the Sloops of War, that of
their complements upon the volunteers for limited
Service of His Majesty's Colonial Subjects, who you may
assure shall not be sent off the northern district of
the command. In the distribution of this force

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