to facilitate the Blockade of the Enemy's Ports & carry the views of His Majesty's Government into execution. — I have therefore to request that in the event of the artificers employed in the Naval Yard not being sufficient to meet the urgency of the service that you will represent to the Admiralty Board the absolute necessity both of hiring the Carpenters of Merchant Ships & of allowing by every possible means the assistance of the Shipwrights & Caulkers employed in the Merchant Yards: this measure will be more necessary until the reinforcements from England —

To
Rear Adm. Griffith
&c &c Halifax —

I have the honor to be &c
(Sig.) A. Cochrane.

Bermuda 17th May 1814.

Adl 16 Sir

Should Captain Bickett of H.M. Sloop Rennard make application to be relieved in the command of that Sloop, to return to England, before his Successor arrives at Halifax, you will be pleased to mention his having been and appoint the Senior Lieutenant of the Rennard, to act in command of her, until her proper Commander joins.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed A. Cochrane

Rear Adm. Griffith
&c &c &c

Adl 17 Sir

Bermuda 17th May 1814

You will be pleased to forward the accompanying letters to England by the First Packet from Halifax; first closing those left open, with a flying Seal, for your perusal.

I have the honor to be
Sig. A. Cochrane

Rear Adm. Griffith
&c &c &c

Bermuda 17th May 1814.

Sir

You will be pleased to direct the Honorable Captain Bagot to proceed in His Majesty's Ship La Hogue forthwith to Halifax, for the purpose of refitting her, and having her defects made good, as at this moment there is nothing to prevent her being taken in hand, by the good