

directed the Lieutenants, commanding the *Stedfast* and
Ramulus, the Master of the *Sturdy*, and Purser of the *Stedfast*
to attend at the Naval Yard, and in conjunction with
Hutchinson, proceed with the *Stedfast*, whenever you may
notify, that the same can be continued, and to go on
it until the whole of the stores &c. are surveyed. The
attendance of these Officers will enable you to compare
with that of the two Yard Officers beforementioned.

Commodore Evans

I have the honor to be &c.

Yrs &c &c

Signed J. Buchanan

H. The order to the surveying Officers is herewith enclosed

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for

Bermuda 18th May 1842.

By His Majesty's Ship the *Porpoise* which
arrived here on the 7th Instant, I had the honor to receive
your Despatch N. 66 enclosing a copy of your letter to
Captain Paget, an abstract of the State and condition of
His Maj's Ship remaining under your order, on the 27th
April, and a return of their Provisions. Captain Stanley
reports that coming out of the Chesapeake, he met the *Stedfast*
and the Transport laden with Provisions under her command.
The *Endymion* which conveys this to you, is to proceed to
the Delaware, and remain there until relieved by the
Porpoise. The married People and children of the
refugee negroes, you will send to Halifax in the *Porpoise*.

I shall give directions for the agent of the *Porpoise* to be
paid for the Provisions and Lumber taken out of the
Proves, for the Public Service, at the rates the remainder
of their wages sold for upon shore amount at their destination
Port, but it will be necessary that triplicate receipts be
produced accompanied by your order for its cashing, stating
the reasons or necessity for so doing, to enable me to authorise
any payment to be made, and to stop the amount of the
bursements. any measure of this sort which you may
advise the adoption of will be beneficial to the Service. I
shall most readily acquiesce in it. As there is but one
Ship off the Delaware, you will be pleased to
return the *Porpoise* to the *Stedfast*.

By the *Porpoise* on 20th May 1842
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