

Bermuda 20th May 1844

Sir I have received your letter of the 27th March / Duplicate / requesting in consequence of the reasons therein stated that I will allow you to withdraw your application to Admiral Sir John Buxton Courtenay for a berth on board the Gunner of His Majesty's Ship under your command, and I have desired Rear Admiral Griffith to return you your said letter.

Captain Shipley

I have the honor to be &c

Wm. H. B. Buxton

(Sig^d) A. Buchanan

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Sir I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Despatch in Cypher which is to the purport of one I have received from the same quarter. The preparations which from late accounts ^{were on foot} were on foot in England to send out reinforcements to Canada, will I hope be sufficient to give us the superiority on the Lakes, and must have arrived there about this time. I send your Excellency a copy of a Cypher Despatch which I have received, that will show your Excellency the system of General Blockade was not adopted before it was absolutely necessary.

His Excellency

I have the honor to be, &c

St. John's N. B. Shubrooke &c

Signed. A. Buchanan

Scheme of victualing the Black Refugee negroes.

Black women's whole allowance

When not entered as Morries, Bread or Flour, or a proportion of Rice, or an Indian meat

Women

d^o

d^o

Children

d^o

Half d^o

Men

Meat

One pound

Women

d^o

Half

Children

d^o

d^o

and a proportion of Sugar, all the other species of Provision in the above proportions

Women that work to be allowed an extra proportion

of Rice

1/2 lb