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Bermuda 30th May 1861

Sir, I request you will send me by the first opportunity a list of all captures & detentions made by all ships of force under my command & stationed in the Port of Halifax, also a Monthly general Return of the same to enable me to make my Report to the Hon. Secy. of the Admiralty. I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, (Sig^d) A. Cockburn

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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Ex^{ty}'s Letter of the 18th May which acquainted me of your reception of my letter of the 15th ult., and calls my attention to the failure likely to be produced in the supply of Flour &c to the army in Canada by my proclamation declaring all the Ports of the United States in strict blockade, unless its effects can be in some way modified. In another letter of this date I have fully explained to you the best my reason for instituting this Blockade, and my desire of Peace to modify it any way. I have not the least apprehension the army in British North America will experience any want of Flour from my adopting this measure. There is now a great quantity in Bermuda, some of which has very lately been brought in, and it is to be bought at a much cheaper rate, than it could have been purchased for several months past. His Majesty's Government is before this acquainted with what I have done, and will doubtless take precaution to remove any ill consequences which might arise from this General Blockade, should any apprehension be entertained of its causing a failure in the supplies required for the army in Canada.

I have the honor to be Sir, your obedient servant, (Sig^d) A. Cockburn

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