

Boston 22nd July 1846

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the day's date requesting that Lieut. Biddulph may be permitted to go into another Ship and I have to say that being desirous at all times to carry out all the measures of accommodation which are consistent with the Regulation of the Service I have sanctioned Lieut. Biddulph's application for Exchange & have removed him to the ship having appointed Lieut. Robert Morgan of the Juno to fill his vacancy in the Hebe which is appointed by Rear Admiral Gifford to the Hebe must return to Halifax in the ship to join his proper ship.

Yours faithfully
Edmund Palmer Esq

Capt H. M. Hebe

I have
Signed at Boston

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Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Prop^r letter of the 2nd inst^t transmitting to me a copy of a letter which had written to Lieut. Genl. Drummond in regard of the late disgraceful conduct of the Hebe Troops in the wanton destruction of property on the North Shore of Nova Scotia in the War with the United States & as I judge it advisable a public and reflecting measure of retaliation which shall deter from a repetition of similar outrages I have to acquaint you that in consequence thereof I have immediately ordered Rear to the ship under command to take measures of retaliation against Citizens of the United States from whom a copy of which I enclose for your information at these words have been made.