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To
W. Allen Cockburn
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Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatches sent by the Steamer *Mermaid* from 23 to 26 inclusive, together with the several letters sent to accompany them. The application of Brute Marshal will be herewith returned to you with an order authorizing and empowering you to call and assemble Brute Marshal as often as shall see occasion. I approve of your retaining the *Chesapeake* for the reasons you have assigned as the *Cyphus* is not in a fit state to command you will be pleased to order such of her Company as are not *Officer* and crew as may be very desirous of returning to England to be sent or drafted to the *Chesapeake*, sanctioning any exchange of Captains and War and Officers who may be requested and sending the *Cyphus* home with the August Company under Lieut. Rogers. The *Chesapeake* you will detach ^{detach} to join me in the *Chesapeake* without a moment's delay and to bring with her as many of her *Officers* and deck crew as she can well carry. I have respect to the leaving of *Officers* I am aware of much more consideration to the public Service the exhibiting of ships in case of emergency than the saving of a few pounds by conforming to the allowance of wages when the Regulations lay down and when the operations of the Squadron. I request therefore that whenever it may be absolutely required get ships immediately out of hand, you urge to the *humanity* the *merit* of *Officers* at any rate for what they are employed.