

Bermuda 23rd July 1844

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th May representing the want of Seamen for the Ships expected to be employed upon the Lakes - also a reinforcement of 700 Seamen was sent out with the Flanes of the Brigades & arrived subsequent to the date of your letter & detachments of Seamen have been since sent to you from the Troop Ships at Quebec I conclude that with the assistance also of the Marines from the Battalions you have now a sufficient number to complement the Complements of the Ships you speak of. I have no doubt but that from the representations I have made to the Admiralty (Signed) A. Cockburn. Seamen will be sent to you from home; but at present the Squadron under my Command is short of Complement - Relating measures are directed to be pursued upon the Coast for the outrages committed in Canada.

Sir James Geo
Commodore of Coast in Ship upon the Lakes
of Canada

Bermuda 28th July 1844

Sir, I send you herewith an Order which I have issued to the Senior Officers of H.M. Blackwing Squadron together with a copy of a short Memoir referring thereto - With the Order to be kept secret until it has been acted upon with some effect after which you will be pleased to cause it to be made as public as possible -

Captain Melrose
H.M. Bulwark or
the Senior Officer of
His Majesty's Ships in
Boston Bay

I am Sir
(Signed) A. Cockburn