

Excelling the high consideration with which
I have the honor to be

His Excellency *Signe C. Lockhart*

The Cavalier de Paris.

His Catholic Majesty's Envoy
Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary
Near the United States of America.

Thommasville July 18th

Sir. Rear Admiral Lockhart having received
and answered the Letter which Your Excellency
did me the honor to write to me dated at
Washington 1st June 1844, I have only to
inform Your Excellency that I have great pleasure
in confirming the rule laid down by the Rear Admiral
"that Neutral Vessels having entered any of the
"blockaded Ports previously to the blockade Ports previously
"to the blockade may be permitted to come out on Ballast."

And in answer to the other question contained in
Your Excellency's Letter, I have the honor to inform
that Neutral Vessels which have entered a blockaded
port since the institution of that measure without
any knowledge of it. provided they can show satisfactorily
that they had not the power to gain such knowledge,
may also be permitted to sail on Ballast. With respect
to Russian Vessels under either of these circumstances
if Your Excellency will favor me with their names
and the particulars concerning them, I will give
the necessary passports for their passing unmolested.

It is very gratifying to me to observe the efforts
of the Subjects of a Country bound to England by the
ties of mutual benefit and reciprocal regard, and
I beg to assure Your Excellency that I am with the
consideration and respect

His Excellency *Signe C. Lockhart*
Ambassador from His Imperial Majesty
The Emperor of all the Russias
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