

to acquaint you that you have my authority to  
send by post upon all such Letters as may come  
to your hands addressed to me officially as  
Commander in Chief, whenever I cannot be  
immediately referred to  
Pine Point Barracks I have the honor to be Sir  
Yours &c (Signed) A. Cockburn

St. John's, Bermuda  
31<sup>st</sup> July 1797

I have the honor in reference to your  
Letters N<sup>o</sup>. 7. 12. 18. 19. 25 & 29 detailing the various operations  
of the Squadron under your Command in the Chesapeake  
up to the 17<sup>th</sup> July to express my approbation of the  
measures you have pursued for the annoyance of the  
Enemy & of the zeal & activity which has marked  
their execution. I expect shortly to have the  
pleasure of personally returning you  
my thanks for the able manner in which you have  
directed these Services. I will now only request your  
communicating to Captain Rofs. Mordaunt, Thross.  
My acknowledgements of these exertions  
upon the several occasions set forth in your  
beforementioned Dispatches: to Captain. Gamble  
upon his return to the Chesapeake I shall take  
an opportunity of conveying my thanks of his  
zeal & indefatigable attention in the execution  
of your Orders. I shall have much satisfaction  
in transmitting for the information of my  
Superior Commissioners of the Admiralty Copies  
of your Reports & their Enclosures & of calling  
their Lordships' particular attention to the meritorious  
conduct of the Officers you have had occasion there  
to mention.

I have the honor to be Sir  
Pine Point Barracks (Signed) A. Cockburn

14 Aug 1797  
Lafayette  
No.  
Capt. Mordaunt Aug 1797