

Mr. East appears to have been most usefully employed upon several occasions and particularly so in the information he brought respecting the Torpedo Boat and as he placed most implicit faith in the paper granted him by Captain Burdett I would beg leave to recommend him to your Honor's favourable consideration.

I take this opportunity of informing you also that as these papers have been in many instances disregarded to the great loss of the individuals who have placed reliance in them, I have given directions to the senior officers of the Blockading Squadron to grant no more such protection without my particular authority.

Yours Honor  
Wm. Alex. Coche  
Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court  
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I have the honor to be  
Yours  
J. Lochrane

Halifax 5<sup>th</sup> October 1814.

Sir,

Finding that some of the Negro Families that were lately brought from Virginia are in the greatest misery and destitute of Clothing, food and Shelter, I consider it my duty to acquaint your Excellency that Lord Bathurst informs me that orders would be sent here altho to Bermuda to furnish the Refugees from the United States with the necessaries they might require until they could provide for themselves which I conclude comprised Food, Clothing, and a place to shelter themselves from the weather also that they were to be admitted in <sup>the Colonies</sup> ~~the Colonies~~ in consequence of their assurances.

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