

Government Halifax Feb 15 1812

Sir,

I herewith enclose a statement of the several
matters you have submitted to me together with
my replies thereto. I hope the Executive
of the United States will bring the account of
prisoners to a final adjustment, and if
there is a balance due to Great Britain that it will
be reduced to the utmost of the Enemy's means.
Sending back to Canada the prisoners made there
and to Halifax or Bermuda, or if more convenient
to the King's Ships upon the Coast such prisoners
as may be near the Sea Shore.

If this is not appointed to, I shall be
under the necessity, in obedience to my orders
from home, to send to England all the American
Prisoners from the Depots here and at Bermuda.

I have recently been informed that Mr
James Stewart a British Subject late His
Majesty's Consul at New London has been carried
away from the place in which he resided to New
London. You will be pleased to intimate
this to the Government of the United States that
if he is not immediately returned and set at
liberty I will not only retaliate by taking off
every person I can lay hold of upon the Coast
and sending them to England, but I will direct
the retaliatory order hitherto suspended from the
Northern States to be carried into immediate execution.

You will be pleased to transmit what
communications you may deem proper to
make to me, through the commanding officers of
the different Forts, or by the Sloop or such
letters as you wish to be opened by them. They
will forward them to me or to the Flag Officer
next in command who will attend to your
orders.

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