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Head Quarters at New Orleans
4th January 1815

Your letter in answer to mine of this date is so fair and explicit as to require only my acquiescence with respect to the Men that have been pointed out they are few in Number and of little consequence on the great scale of Exchange between the two Countries.

It has been suggested to me by some military persons that a greater facility and Comfort would be given to the removal of the Wounded if the General Commanding the American Forces will sanction their being sent to Hospital Ships at the Mouth of the Mississippi - If this is consented to I will order Ships there to receive them and payment will be made for the hire of the Boats and all other attending Expenses - I have sent to the outer Squadron for a correct list of the Prisoners - to the best of my recollection they do not exceed, much, Three Hundred of all descriptions - but of this I shall be able to speak correctly upon my receiving the return.

Wm. L. Patterson Esqre
Commanding the United States Naval Force
at the New Orleans Station.

I have the
Signed A. Cochrane

I have already ordered the American Prisoners to be delivered at the Port of Petite Aniquille, conceiving as that place was recommended by you for the reception of the Prisoners by means of the Gun Boats & it would facilitate the delivery, the arrangement would be satisfactory -

Capt.

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Head Quarters at New Orleans
10th January 1815

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 56 of the 26th October acquainting me of your having placed the Ships therein mentioned under the command of the Rear Admiral Cochrane and enclosing several returns which it specified I have the honor to acknowledge.