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I have to inform you that these Gentlemen were sent  
down to the Hospital Ship on board of which the Wounds  
taken in the Gun Boats had been placed. In consequence  
of the Service upon which the British Forces have  
been engaged and the Flag of Truce arriving while we  
were upon our passage up the Bay. I regret much  
that prudential reasons did not allow of its returning  
immediately. I am sorry to find by an Account received  
from below that the Boat which carried the Flag  
of Truce was upset and lost on their way down the  
Bay, and I request that I may be permitted to make good  
her value.

I trust that their report will  
show that the same care and attention is paid to your  
wounded as our own - and I beg, to assure you that  
I will with much pleasure meet your wishes relative  
to their Exchange in which I presume you will be joined  
by the Commander of the United States Army so as a  
general Exchange of Prisoners may take place on  
both sides.

Wm Paterson Esq. I have the  
honour to command the United States Naval Forces  
at New Orleans.

Signed / A. Cochrane

Cyprus off Cat Island

Sir

16th January 1815

There being no person of the Storekeeper General's  
Department on board the Mars Transport to superintend  
the distribution of the Indian Presents in that Ship and  
as her Cargo most probably will have to be delivered at  
the River Apalachicola, I have to request that if Mr  
Collier or any other Gentlemen under your qualified to  
undertake this Service, can be spared from the Ship,  
he may be sent to Apalachicola in the Cochon to be  
in charge of and superintend the distribution of the  
Cargo attending to the requisitions of Major M  
of the Royal Marines who commands there, for such  
presents as he may think proper to issue.

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