

Command of Mobile Bay 9th July 1810

Sir,
I send Mr. Hoop, Sophie and
Mushroom Pigmy to Jamaica to be here done,
repaired, & refitted and as I am much in want
of both their help I request that the utmost
dispatch may be used in effecting this and in
sending them to rejoin me calling first at
the Havanna but not leaving of me there,
proceeding off Mobile, sending to me in
them all such disposable Superannuated
Sailors as you may have in Port.

transcribed

Captain Saker
Senior Officer at Jamaica... (Signed) C. Cochrane.

Captain &
Senior Officer

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Sir,
I have the honor to reply to your
letter of this instant by assuring you that it
is with extreme reluctance I find myself in
consequence of the operations now going on
against Mobile obliged to detain for some
time longer, the Flag of France under which you
have entered this Squadron.

Your detention might have ensued
equally had your flag been stopped at the
advanced Ship of those left at St. au Barthelemy
as neither the General commanding the British
Sloop nor myself could have applied to the
Chief of your mission while this Expedition
was pending. You may rely upon my
embracing the earliest moment that the Service
will authorize to allow of your return.

Captain Saker
Senior Officer at Jamaica... (Signed) C. Cochrane.

W. Saker