

Commandant of St. Mary's  
Georgia 8<sup>th</sup> March 1815

Sir.

The

enclosed letters for you, announcing the confirmation  
of the treaty of peace with the United States of America

I am &c

Rear Admiral Duhamel  
Commander in Chief  
Seeward Islands.

Signed W. Cochrane

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Sir.

In a London Newspaper, the Times, of the  
21<sup>st</sup> November last, I observe in the close of a letter from  
addressed to the American Commissioners at Ghent, dated  
the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1814 the following paragraph which alludes  
to the Negroes that had taken refuge on board the  
Britannic Majesty's Ships from the Shores of the United  
States.

"It is known that a shameful traffic  
been carried on in the West Indies, by the sale of these  
persons there, by those who profess to be their deliverers.

Of this fact, the proof that has reached this Department  
shall be furnished you. Although at the date of your letter  
I had not left England consequently the events there said  
to have taken place were previous to my assuming the  
command on this Station, it is a justice I owe to my  
predecessor and the Officers now serving in this fleet to  
call upon you for the proofs that you state to have reached  
your Department.

When such accusations are  
sanctioned by such high authority as the Secretary of State  
of the United States of America, it is to be supposed  
he must have been in possession of sufficient information  
induces him to give publicity to them. I therefore trust to your  
furnishing me with the proofs to which you allude and  
further proofs as you may have to adduce against any person  
since the British fleet upon the North American Station  
been under my command.