

To

The Honble J. B. Lafol
Captain H. M. Ship LaHogue &
Senior Officer off New London

His Majesty's Sloop Borer
Off Saybrook 9th April

Note: Letter from Admiralty to
Cochrane (MS 2343, 12 July 1814)
authorizing payment of £2000 to
the American who conducted this
expedition.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you that in obedience to your order of the 7th instant directing me to take charge of a detachment of Boats belonging to the Squadron you command for the purpose of taking or destroying a number of Vessels building and equipping as Privateers and Letters of Marque in Connecticut River, I proceeded in His Majesty's Sloop under my command on the evening of that day to put those orders in execution, and I have now the pleasure of informing you that thro' the steady and indefatigable exertions of the officers and Men who you did me the honor of placing under my orders, the Service has been accomplished in a more effectual way than my most sanguine hopes could have led me to expect.

The Borer anchored off Saybrook bar at 1/4 before 10 and the Boats consisting of a Barge, Pinnace and Gig under Lieuts Pyne Parry and Acting Lieut Fisher from LaHogue, a Barge from the Maidstone under Lieut Liddon, a Barge from the Endymion under Lieut Fanshawe, and the Borer's Gig with the Seamen and Marines selected for the expedition under their respective officers immediately proceeded up the river.

The wind being Northerly and a very rapid outset of the current (notwithstanding it being a flood tide) prevented us from making so swift a progress as we desired, but even this difficulty tended in the end to render our operations more deliberate, the first object being that of destroying a battery on the West side of the Entrance, a division landed for that purpose and met with no opposition in the Fort from which it was found the Guns had been removed.

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