

of 140 feet keel will be launched in three weeks, I therefore leave you to judge what I have to contend against -

His Majesty's Squadron in this Lake are all very short of complement, and I have not a man for the ship on the stocks which is to carry 102 guns -

I therefore feel it my Duty, (as I am directed by Their Lordships to apply to you for seamen &c when necessary) to represent to you Sir that unless I receive a sufficient number of seamen to man the above ship, this Province will be lost to His Majesty in the course of the Summer, and all our efforts rendered useless -

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient

Humble Servant.

The Honorable -
Vice Admiral Sir Alex Cochrane
Commander in Chief.



Wm. Lewis Esq.

Commodore and Commander in Chief

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