

Ajax in Verdun Roads
29th May 1844

Sir,

I think it right to send you by Rear Admiral Malcolm the enclosed copy of a report upon the defects of His Majesty's ship Diadem, the representation upon which it was ordered having come upon me most unexpectedly at the moment the Troops were under orders to embark.

The Diadem and Dictator are both old ships, and have shown such symptoms of weakness as may render a passage from America in the winter season a matter of serious consideration; and I therefore feel assured that you will forgive my mentioning the circumstance to you.

Rear Admiral Malcolm
conveys for your disposal in the ships

The Honble
Vice Admiral Sir A. Cochrane K.B.

Yrs. — Yrs. — Yrs.