

Secret

His Majesty's Ship *Caladonia*
at Sea 2nd June 1871.

Sir,

I presume the Lords Commissioners
of the Admiralty have already apprised
you of the number of ships ordered from
my ^{FLAG} Flag, to serve under you on the
Coast of America.

I have now the honour to
acquaint you that the first division of
those ships as per margin, sailed from
Port Mahon some time ago to join you,
and I trust they are, or shortly will be,
in your hands.

Vice Admiral

The Honourable

Sir Alexander Cochrane K.B.

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