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Papers of Alexander Cochrane - MS 2348
Cochrane to Croker
2 September 1814 (cont.)

For the conduct of the Captains and officers of the Squadron employed in the Flotilla and with the Army, I must beg leave to refer their Lordships to the reports of Rear Admiral Cockburn and to call their favorable consideration towards those whom the Rear Admiral has had occasion to particularly notice: while employed immediately under my eye I had every reason to be perfectly satisfied with their zealous emulation, as well as that of every Seaman and Marine to promote the Service in which they were employed.

Captain Wainwright of His Majesty's Ship Triton will have the honor to deliver this Despatch to you as he was actively employed both with the Fleet and the Army in the whole of their proceedings. I beg leave to refer their Lordships to him for any further particulars.

I have not yet received any Returns from the Ships employed in the Potomac, the Wind having been unfavorable to their coming down; but from the information I gain by the country people they have completely succeeded in the capture and destruction of Fort Washington which has been blown up.

I have the honor to be etc etc

A Cochrane.

note the ease with which Cochrane portrays his role as strategist and motivating force, as opposed to the documented account of his reluctance given by Cockburn in his memoirs.