

Papers of Alexander Cochrane MS 2344
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The Hon^{ble} Vice Admiral
Sir Alex^r Cochrane KB

Admiralty Office
28 Sept. 1814

Sir,

I yesterday received by Captain Wainwright and immediately communicated to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter~~s~~ numbered 98 dated the 2nd instant and its enclosure from Rear Admiral Cockburn detailing the successful result of the operations of His Majesty's combined Naval and Military Forces under your command and that of Major General Ross in the Chesapeake, by the capture or destruction of the whole of the Enemy's Flotilla under the command of Commodore Barney, the defeat of his Army though greatly superior in number at Bladensburg, and the capture of the City of Washington and destruction of the whole of the public buildings and Naval or Military Stores, as also of a Frigate of the largest Class ready for launch and a Sloop of War afloat; and in reply I am commanded to express to you their Lordships approbation of the whole of the important proceedings which you have detailed. The judgement with which the plan was formed; the celerity with which it was executed; and the bravery of the officers and Men employed, are all deserving of the highest commendation, and their Lordships satisfaction is greatly increased by the consideration that a Service so honorable to His Majesty's Arms and so injurious to the Enemy has been achieved with so little comparative loss on the part of His Majesty's Forces.

I received at the same time your Despatch numbered 118(?) dated the following day and its enclosures from the Senior Lieutenant of the Monclaus,