

Papers of Alexander Cochrane - MS 2329
Cochrane to Brooke
Sept 12, 1814

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1/2 past Seven
Monday Evening

Dear Sir,

The sad account of the Death of General Ross has just reached me. I had written him a few minutes before by the boats in Bear Creek with a Birds Eye View of the fortifications of Baltimore the new entrenchments I saw them throwing up to the NNE. - of the Town upon which a good many people are engaged. - It struck me that this entrenched Camp may be turned

I am writing the — before — my letter to my poor Departed Friend is returned I therefore send it to you in its original? form —

It is proper for me to mention to you that a system of Retaliation was to be proceeded upon - in consequence of the Barbarities committed in Canada - and that if Genl Ross had seen the Second letter from Sir George Prevost - he would have destroyed Washington and George Town - Their Nature? are perfectly known to Rear Adl Cochrane and I believe Mr Evans - Littlean a kind of Latitude is given for Contribution instead of destruction but in this public property can not be compromised

You will best be able to judge what can be attempted - but let me know your determination as soon as possible that I may act accordingly.

Ever my dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
Alex^r Cochrane