

By George C. Ashmun Esq
Rear Admiral of the White
and Second Officer in the
Command of His Ship
and Vessel on the
North American Station
I am &c &c

You are hereby authorized and
directed to hoist a Flag of Truce
in the Bay under your
Charge and to proceed on her to
Annapolis with the Dispatches
herewith transmitted for
Colonel Monroe and Colonel
Barclay, and having there
delivered the said Dispatches
to any Officer of the United States
of America authorized to receive
them, you will return to me at
this anchorage without further
loss of time, to resume and
resume your former character
but during the whole of your
absence from me you are

for Col. Monroe
for Col. Barclay