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By the Commissioners for  
executing the Office of Lord  
High Admiral de de de

You are hereby required and  
directed (notwithstanding any former orders) to take up  
at once the time in completing His Majesty's Ship  
Marlborough, and proceeding in her with all  
possible expedition to Bermuda, or wherever else  
the Commander in Chief may be, put yourself  
under the Command of the Rt Hon<sup>ble</sup> Admiral  
Sir John Borlase Warren Bart. K<sup>t</sup> and follow  
his Orders for your further proceedings.

Given under our hands the  
31<sup>st</sup> October 1812 -

George Cockburn Esq<sup>r</sup>  
W. Adm<sup>l</sup> of the Blue  
at Cadiz -

(Signed)

Melville  
W. Donnet  
J. Osborne

By Command of their Lordships  
(Signed) J. W. Croker

St Georges Jan 4. 16<sup>th</sup> 1813

Sir

Having been appointed by the Commissioners  
for the Care and disposal of American Property Captured  
previous to the 13<sup>th</sup> of October last, as their Agent for the  
Management and Disposal of such Property as might  
be Condemned to the Crown, at the Ports of Halifax,  
Newfoundland, the Coast of British America, Bermuda  
and the Bahama Islands, I arrived here in His  
Majestys Ship Minerva.

Since my arrival I find that considerable  
Captures of American Property, have been made  
chiefly by non Commissioned Vessels, and carried into  
the Port of Nassau New Providence, and that a  
considerable Sum in Specie is now there.

As it is the Intention of His Majesty's  
Government that Specie taken in American Vessels  
or any arising from the sale of American Property  
condemned to the Crown, should be appropriated to  
the use of the Naval, Military, and other departments  
abroad, where it is much wanted; it is an Object of  
great Interest that such Specie should be applied