

Secret  
Duplicate

By the Commissioners for  
executing the Office of Lord  
High Admiral &c. &c. &c.

You are hereby required and  
directed notwithstanding any former orders to lose no  
a moment's 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> (Signed)  
Rt. Adm<sup>l</sup> of the Blue at Cadiz - Melville  
By Command of their Lordships W. Donnet  
(Signed) J. Croker. J. Osborne

St. Georges Jan<sup>y</sup> 4. 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  
Majesty's 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  
to the intended Purpose with Expedition and  
Conducted with safety.

I have therefore to request that you will be  
pleased to take the Subject into Consideration, and  
afford me the means by a Ship of War of going  
to New Providence, and returning thither with  
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