

yard, every species of Provisions has arrived except flour altho' demanded upon our first arrival; but hope to receive it tomorrow, it appears at present; the Contractor finds it very difficult to procure Lighters, the Rigging has been set up this afternoon, repairing Water Casks has additionally delayed the Belvidera, none being in Store at this Port, tomorrow I shall bend Sails & as soon as possible remove to the Ferry Anchorage to receive your Orders.

To Rear Admiral Cockburn
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I have the Honor to be
Sir
your most Obedt Humble Servt.
(S) R. Bayron

Bermuda 17th January 1813

Sir

I beg leave, in reply to your letter of this date to state, that having been informed His Majesty's Ship Belvidera was just required for Sea, and that consequently not a moment was to be lost in completing her Provisions a preference was given to that Ship, rather than the Dolus, and Fantome, whose demands were lodged at the same time; but that I have, also, used every exertion in my power to comply with the requisitions of all; the unfavourable weather however, added to the unfortunate ^{circumstance} of one of my Victualling Ships being sunk, and another dismasted in going off, have prevented the whole being completed so soon as was required, or I could have wished.

I further beg to assure you that every exertion on my part will be used in complying with the demands of His Majesty's Ships, and that I am already endeavouring to procure other Victualling craft for the purpose, that I may be the better enabled to attend to the increased supplies required for the Squadron now on this Station.

To George Cockburn Esq^r respectfully,
Rear Admiral of the Blue
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I have the honor to be very
Sir
Your most Obedt Humble Servt.
(S) J. Gray

Bermuda 19th Jan^y 1813

Sir

I beg leave to inform you (that in consequence of the late heavy demands for Boatswains Stores from this yard) that we shall not be able to continue completing