

Supplies by the Martin to join their respective Ships off Sandy Hook and Block Island, which shall be immediately attended to as well as Orders given to her Captain to return without one moments loss of time to join me.

1st I herewith enclose the weekly accounts of the *Batavia*, *Spartan*, and *Martin*.

2nd Since the period of my sailing on the 12th Inst from the Chesapeake I have had most unfavourable strong winds, and been equally unsuccessful in making captures. As I did not arrive off Cape James until Monday the 17th - on the 14th I burnt the Sloop *Lilly* of fifty tons, from Savannah bound to Rhode Islands laden with lumber, and on the 16th I captured the Sloop *Rising Planet* in Ballast with a number of women and children passengers from Charlestown bound to New-haven this latter vessel I gave to the passengers taking receipts for all the men - on the morning of the 17th I fell in with the *Martin* and upon the same evening while standing in for Cape James I was joined by the *Spartan* - on the 18th we anchored off Cape James the light house bearing west S. W. distance three miles direct in the main Ship Channel, towards night it began to blow from the South gradually increasing until daylight when the wind shifted to N. E. and blew a perfect gale with so heavy a swell that I judged it prudent to immediately get under weigh with the Squadron - since which we have been kept

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