

H. M. Ship Cleopatra

Murray's Anchorage

2^d September 1853

Sir

In compliance to your Order of this days date I beg leave to state to you that when I commanded His Majesty's Ship Loop Coveur I caused two Anchors to be sunk in Ireland Island for the purpose of stretching the Rigging of the said Ship, one of which I found on the Island & the other belonged to the Loop Coveur, which about a week afterwards was sniped from the place where it had been laid and in the course of enquiry sent a Boat with Lieutenant Tomlinson & Mr Palmer M^r. Mate on board the Bermuda Schooner and hove up her Anchor, which proved to be the one sniped and was brought from her on board the said Ship & they reported to me that Mr George Penner Master Attendant of the Dock Yard had given Orders for its being carried on board the said Schooner.

And I further beg leave to state that he never asked Permission for so doing either from me or any other Officer belonging to the said Ship although constantly on the spot and that the Rope used to back the anchor was likewise taken away & never forthcoming.

I have the honor to be

Chas. Gill