

the Day after the Prizes arrived with
her men, but I cannot count upon
this as an increase to the present
Chesapeake Squadron, which now
consists of Dingy and two frigates
without any sloop whatever for
Diamond's squadron in his last Letter
to me from thence, states the
Madagascar to be in so bad a state
as to make it necessary that she should
return to Port as soon as possible, and
I therefore think it likely that Captain
Barrie will order her in when joined
by the Hebrus - I hope however to
have the Menelaus ready to return
there in a few Days, which will
make up three complete frigates
for the Chesapeake, and as you
inform me that you have ordered
two large class frigates to cruise off
this Island during the Winter, and the
Cossack and Pandora are already
stationed here for similar service,
I feel that I may very well take
with me the latter to assist in filling
up