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U. S. Letter Scorpion off Matanzas point -

July 21st 1813

Sir,

Having understood the enemy had left the river yesterday. I got underway this morning at 4 A.M. and proceeded down nearly to the manoeuvres - When I got Cob. point open with Swan point I brought two ships and a brig hull up. The wind was light. I thought it imprudent to go near them -

Admiral Warren commands the Squadron - He has taken possession of Blackstone island and got the white flag hoisted in the center in consequence of which Mr. Ludlow tells me he has had some of our enemy's men to visit him -

Admiral Cockburne is in one of the light frigates and made an attempt two days ago accompanied by another frigate a brig and schooner to get over the Ketels bottom but did not succeed his ship and the brig having touched on one of the lower shoals - They were however soon got off and