

Capt. William Henry Byam

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Byam to Croker
August 24, 1812

in date base

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James Wilson Croker Esq^r
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His Majesty's Ship Thetis
Dover 24th August 1812

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of
my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty with the arrival of
HM Ship Thetis under my Command having in charge the
Jamaica Fleet which left that Island on the first day of
July last a List whereof as also this Ships defects and Weekly
Accounts is herewith transmitted

I further beg leave to acquaint you for their Lordships
information that on the 29th July in Lat^d 40° 48' N. Long.
61. 18 W^t we fell in with His Majesty's Ships as per Margin
the Senior Officer Captain Brooke of the Shannon apprized me
of the Declaration of War by America & of his having
received certain intelligence that an American Squadron
were then cruising on the Banks of Newfoundland for the
purpose of intercepting this Convoy, in consequence of
which he with the Squadron accompanied us to the
Africa * Lat^d 43° 07' N. Long^d 49° 04' W^t where on the 6th Instant
this Ship being some distance ahead of Convoy
Squadron we discovered three large Ships and a Brig
standing towards the Body of the Convoy, the Cutter was
distinctly made out to be a Cruiser which being
communicated by Signal to the Senior Officer, the Ships
per Margin made all sail in chase and parted Company
leaving the Africa & Guerriere who accompanied the
Convoy to the Lat^d 43° 59' N. Long^d 43. 21 West.

Shannon
Belvidera
Aeolus
Guerriere
Africa

Shannon
Belvidera
Aeolus

I have the honor to be etc **

Signed W. H. Byam

S.C.O. notes

- * ~ 200 miles South of Halifax
- ** just South of Grand Banks
- *** About two hundred miles east of Grand Banks
Rodgers spotted one of them on Aug 28

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Gulf Stream