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opposition on my part, was my expectation that Rear Admiral Sir George Cockburn as the actual Captor, had made the Claim on behalf generally of myself as Commander in Chief and the other Flag Officers of the Squadron to which he belonged, and with whom he continued to share Prize Money for all Captures made upon my Station during the time he was employed at Ocracoke; knowing also that it was his full intention and wish, to submit to my direction the usual distribution of the Flag Proportion of Prize Money on the above occasion.

I am likewise to acquaint your Lordship that Sir Sydney Beckwith does concur in my having applied to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent on his behalf in this matter, also, that those Ships of the Squadron employed on the Chesapeak Expedition, but which remained in the Chesapeak, and did not happen to be sent to Ocracoke, consider themselves as forming a part of the conjunct Force, altho' not immediately present at the Capture.

With regard to the Contents of Lieut.t Colonel Napier's Memorial, I am under the necessity of representing to your Lordship, that I do not recollect having ever signified, nor intended to signify, my desire that the Prize Money which might be granted for the Ocracoke Captures, should be divided otherwise than in a general Distribution to the Ships and Troops afloat in the Expedition, nor can I find traces of any Orders having been given by me respecting Prize Lists as set forth - but, lest I should be mistaken on these points, I have for my better information, referred the Documents to Rear Admiral Sir Henry Hotham, who was my Flag Captain of the Fleet, and of course the organ of communication from me to the Officers employed on the before-mentioned Service, he informs me that he has no knowledge of my having signified officially and personally directions to that effect, neither did he convey any such Orders