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as to what it may be advisable to do therein? —

In Obedience to Your Lordships Commands, We have considered the same, and have the Honour to report, that from the Answers which have been given to the Memorial of Sir P.B. Warren, it appears that his Right to share as Naval Commander in Chief is not disputed, either by Sir George Cockburn or Colonel Napier — But although the Land Forces employed, are described to have been a detachment, and Sir Sydney Beckwith is mentioned by Colonel Napier as having in some Manner had a Disposing Authority over the Matters connected with these Proceeds, It seems to be denied by Colonel Napier that there is any Officer superior to himself entitled to be considered as Military Commander in Chief. — Sir P.B. Warren states, that he is Authorized by Sir Sydney Beckwith to claim in his behalf, from which it may be inferred, that he considers Sir Sydney Beckwith as Commander in Chief of the Military Forces — But no specific claim is made by Sir Sydney Beckwith himself.

A Claim is asserted by Sir P.B. Warren for certain Ships under his Command which were not present at the Capture There is no special ground stated, on which that Claim is advanced, and it would not be sustained by the general Principles of Law; As a Warrant was issued on the original Memorial, before any Opposition was signified, and the terms of it, are so general as to include all Persons, who can prove that they were serving in the Expedition either in Person, or constructively, where that species of Service is admitted. The form of the Warrant which has been issued will comprehend all Claims. — But We think that the Name of Sir P.B. Warren should be inserted as Naval Commander in Chief, and as Trustee in the place of Sir George Cockburn; and that the present Warrant should be revoked, and a new Warrant issued for that purpose.

All which is humbly submitted to Your Lordships Wisdom

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July 15. 1817.

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P.S. Before the new warrant issues it may be ascertained whether Sir S. Beckwith means to assert a specific claim — If he does it may be proper to make a reservation of the Question as to the Military Commander in Chief. CR