

ADM 1/503/603-604
Warren - Croker
June 6, 1813

Amongst ship of the Enemy
any information on the

To John Wilson Croker Esq.

Bermuda 6 June 1813

Sir,

(rec'd July 8)

Enclosed herewith I beg leave to transmit
Copy of a letter from Capt. Peckell detailing the
particulars of a very gallant action fought by
the Schooner Tender Highflyer with a large
American Schooner of 12 guns and 100 Men -
I regret the loss of Lieut Lewis who commanded
the Highflyer and the Service in him loses a
very brave and excellent Officer, at the same
time I have to admire the gallantry and skill
of Mr. Edw^d Gordon who most ably defended the
Tender afterwards and although he did not
succeed in capturing the Enemy I have every
reason to believe he entirely destroyed his
Cruiser(?)

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
Humble Servant

John Portase Warren

Endorsed as follows:

July 8 Their Lordships desire to know by
what authority this tender is employed they
can by no means approve of a system which
tends to weaken the companies of HM Ships
without to the squadron adequate
increase of force and ~~has cost them all~~
~~success(?) expense?~~ observe that this action has
cost the service ^{more} brave officers & men than all the
other more important successful operations put
together express their Ldps regret for the loss of
& the gallant men who have fallen in
consequence of this impudent unauthorized system of

Melville?
9 July

having a cruising tender which was neither
employed in the ordinary services of attending on the larger ships nor of sufficient force to make