

Warren to Croker

300

Bermuda, 28 Jan^y 1814No. ~~22~~ 23

Sir,

Reid Hovrs

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 4th Nov^r last, communicating to me, that my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, finding it expedient, in the present circumstances and appearances of the War, again to separate the Stations, on the union of which I was appointed to my present Command; and thinking it therefore unnecessary any longer to employ me upon the North American Station, their Lordships have commanded you to acquaint me therewith, and to signify their direction, on being relieved by the officer who will be selected to Command on the Halifax Station, to return to Spithead in the San Domingo, or in any other Ship that may be in more immediate necessity of returning to England.

And further informing me of their Lordships' intentions with regard to the number of ships to be appropriated to each Command, with their directions to me to complete the Force of each Station in the shortest possible space of time.

I am happy to show their Lordships, by the enclosed particulars of the present District Force in the West Indies, that at Jamaica the number of Ships of each class already corresponds with the Scheme they have arranged, excepting in large Frigates which is too short; but counterbalanced by the Barkham of 74 Guns having been ordered by me to be retained by Rear Adm^l Brown, and the Statera, as expressed in my letter dated the 16th October