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Cochrane to Croker

St. Georges Bermuda  
7<sup>th</sup> March 1814

Sir,

Be pleased to acquaint the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I am arrived here with His Majesty's Ships A&A and SUPERB - not having met with any of the Enemy's Ships upon our passage; except a Schooner I detained, sent as a Flag of Truce with about Eighty Seamen from two French Frigates, cruising to the Westward of the Canary Islands, who had made several Captures. - It appeared by the information I received from the Masters of these Vessels, that the Enemy's Ships never remain long on any one Station - when they ~~leave~~ leave France they usually proceed and cruise to the Northwest of Madeira - then off the Solvages - afterwards in the tract (sic) of our West Indies Convoys to the Westward of the Canary Islands, and from thence of the Cape de Verdes - They then take a sweep round by the Banks of Newfoundland to the Western Islands before they return to France.

As the wind was strong ~~to~~ from the Southward when I received the above intelligence, I was not enabled to go a Search of the two Frigates who were supposed would proceed to the Cape de Verdes after they dispatched the Schooner, and probably by the time this letter arrives in England may have reached the Western Islands.

I have presented to Sir John Warren the orders I have from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to assume the Command of this Station, of which I presume he will acquaint their Lordships by this conveyance. - As soon as it is resigned me, I will proceed to carry