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By Mr. Fox

Sir



I have received your letter dated the 9th July last, acquainting me that you are commanded by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to desire I will state by what authority the Highflyer Schooner Tender to the San Domingo, was employed on such Service as occasioned her to fall in with the Enemy, as detailed in my letter No. 141 dated 6th June.

In reply, I desire you will be pleased to inform their Lordships, that upon my leaving the Bay of Chesapeake in May, I received information that small Privateers of the Enemy, as well as Cruising Vessels of light draft of Water, were lurking in the shallow harbours and Creeks near Ocracoke Inlet, which, I considered it my duty, to endeavour to destroy - The only Vessel fit for such Service, then with me, was

John Wilson Croker Esq.