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Bermuda 23rd March 1814

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, and must decline entering into any discussion of the points set forth by you, relative to my Command; I shall strictly conform to the Orders of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty as to delivering over to you the command of His Majesty's Ships upon this Station, received by the Asia on the 6th Instant, and am therefore to inform you that I shall not be prepared to place you in the command thereof until the end of next Week, when the San Domingo will be ready for Sea.

In the mean time I shall order the Orpheus and the Shelburne Schooner to follow

The Honble Sir Alexander Cochrane KB
Vice Admiral of the Red

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