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Cochrane - Croker
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To John Wilson Croker Esq^r
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Bermuda 18th July 1814
(Recd 25 Aug^t)

Sir

Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost
having transmitted to me a copy of a Letter
which he has addressed to Lieutenant
General Drummond in consequence of the late
disgraceful conduct of the American Troops
in the wanton destruction of private property
on the North Shores of the Lake Erie, in
order that if the War with the United
States continues I may if I think proper
assist in inflicting that measure of
retaliation which shall deter the Enemy
from a repetition of similar outrages.

I am most decidedly of the opinion
that the readiest way to attain this object
is to bring home to the supporters of the
Government which authorizes (this) unnatural
system of warfare a full share of its
dreadful calamities, and to this end I
have issued to the Senior Officers of His
Majesty's Blockading Squadron an order,
accompanied by a Secret Memorandum,
of which I enclose Copies, together with
Copies of Sir George Prevost's Letter and its
Enclosure, to be laid before my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Alex^r Cochrane

Vice Admiral and Commander in Chief

Endorsed

Aug 25 Approved

Send copies to Lord Bathurst

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