

ADM 1/506/927-929
Cochrane - Senior Captain's
July 18, 1814

Secret Memorandum
to accompany foregoing order

Bermuda 18th July 1814

Notwithstanding my public order of this
day's date directing you to destroy and lay
waste such Towns and districts of the Enemy
as may be within your power you are
hereby authorized to except such Islands
and places as either, from furnishing
supplies or from being likely to be hereafter
occupied by us in furtherance of the objects
of the War in which we are engaged it may
be more advantageous to ourselves to treat
with a marked lenity (sic) and forbearance.

And if in any descent you shall be
enabled to take such a position as to
threaten the Inhabitants with the destruction
of their property, you are hereby authorized
to levy upon them Contributions in return
for your forbearance and in proportion to
the value of private property thus spared.
But you ~~will~~ will not by this understand
that the Magazines belonging to the Government
or their Harbours or their Shipping are to be
included in such arrangements, these together
with their contents are in all cases to be
taken away or destroyed.

A. Cochrane

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