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By the Honorable Sir Alexander Cochrane K.B. &c &c &c

Whereas by letters from His Excellency Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost, of the 1st and 2nd of June last, it appears that the American Troops in Upper Canada have committed the most wanton and unjustifiable outrages on the unoffending inhabitants, by burning their Mills and houses, and by a general devastation of private property. And whereas His Excellency has requested that in order to deter the Enemy from a repetition of similar outrages, I would assist in inflicting measures of retaliation —

You are hereby required and directed to destroy and lay waste, such Towns and Districts upon the Coast as you may find available; you will hold