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A. Cochrane

His Britannic Majesty's Ship
the Tonant in the
Patuxent River 18th
August 1814.

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Sir,

Having been called
upon by the Governor General
of the Canadas to aid him in
carrying into effect measures
of retaliation against the
Inhabitants of the United
States, for the wanton destruction
committed by their Army in
Upper Canada, it has become
imperiously my duty,
conformably with the notice
of the Governor Generals appli-
cation, to give to the Naval
Force

The Honorable James Monroe
Secretary of State
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Washington