

ADM 1/4360/69-72
Cochrane to Croker
October 3, 1814

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I shall make an arrangement to have a regular conveyance established between Amelia Island & Pensacola. By this means I shall have a double chance of receiving your communications, and the Rear Adm^l will have at least three weeks previous knowledge of the Intentions of Government:
* A report has just reached me by a vessel from Quebec that Sir George Prevost has drafted all the Marines of the First Battalion & that he is about to send me merely their Staff. Their Lordships will be well aware how serious a disappointment I feel in being deprived of this excellent corps upon which they had taught me to rely, & how much it may cramp our future operations on the coast.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant,

Alex^r Cochrane
Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief

This letter has been copied by Rear Ad^l Codrington - being unable from the Rheumatism in my arm to write much myself.
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A.C.

* ~~This~~ Has been confirmed by - - - illegible