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Barrie to Cockburn
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To George Cockburn Esq.
Rear Admiral of the Red.

HMS Dragon
Chesapeake 31st Oct 1814

Sir,

I have great pleasure in forwarding you the enclosed letters from that excellent Officer Captain Thomas Alexander, detailing the particulars of a very gallant piece of service, performed by a small detachment of Seamen, and Troops from the second Battalion of Royal Marines.

The Enemy's Force consisted of one hundred and fourteen Cavalry, and at least one thousand Infantry, with five field Pieces, the Force under Captain Alexander did not exceed one hundred and sixty of the Royal Marine Battalion commanded by Captain Cole and about forty Seamen from the Boats, this very great disparity of Force, in the face of which Captain Alexander embarked without the loss of a Man, will fully evince the judicious and gallant conduct of Captain Alexander, and those under his command.

Lieutenant Alexander of the Dragon who was in the advance was fortunate in an opportunity of personally distinguishing himself in single combat with one of the Enemy mounted Dragoons, Lieutenant Alexander wounded his opponent and brought off his arms.

As you have often witnessed the gallant conduct of this Officer, I feel satisfied I have no occasion to request your favourable report of his Services.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your obedient and
faithful Servant

Robert Barrie { Captain and
Sen^r Officer