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Sir,

Admiralty-Office, 29th January 1814.

\* Note :  
These Papers and Drawings being very voluminous, it has not been considered to be the intention of The House that they should be copied.

I AM commanded, by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to transmit to you the enclosed Drawings and Papers\* relating to two Frigates and two Sloops, the frames of which are in course of being set up in His Majesty's yard at Chatham, to be conveyed early in the spring to Canada.

The Drawings contain the lines and plans upon which the ships are building, and according to which they are to be completed in the said province.

The Papers contain, First,—A general statement of the scantlings and proportions of the ships:—And secondly,—A detail of those parts of the materials which are to be provided in Canada; it having been thought advisable that all such parts as could be so prepared, should be got ready on the spot, to save the expense and delay of so much additional carriage.

I AM to request you will lay these before Earl Bathurst, and move his lordship to send directions to Sir George Prevost not to lose a moment in giving all the necessary orders which may depend upon him, for the execution of these works, communicating without delay to Sir James Yeo copies of these Drawings and Papers, and informing him of all the measures he may have taken.

Sir George Prevost will of course pay particular attention to the choice of the place where these Ships are to be set up, and he will there make the depôt of the Canadian materials.

Lord Bathurst will see that it is in every point of view of the greatest consequence that no time should be lost in this business, and that on the arrival out of the Frames, every thing should be in readiness for running up the Ships with the greatest celerity; and my Lords request his Lordship will urge Sir George Prevost to co-operate with Sir James Yeo to this effect, who has similar orders.

Excuse me for suggesting to you the expediency of giving particular directions to the Post Office, that these dispatches shall be thrown overboard in the event of meeting an enemy of superior force, as it would be of the greatest detriment to the public service that the information they contain should become known to the Enemy.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

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Gentlemen,

Admiralty-Office, 10th February 1814.

WE do hereby desire and direct you to cause the two Frigates, building at Chatham for service on the Lakes of Canada, to be registered on the list of the Navy by the names of the *Prompte* and *Psyché*, and the two Sloops preparing for the same service by the names of the *Goshawk* and *Colibri*; and you are forthwith to propose such establishments of Men and Guns as you may think proper for the said ships and sloops.

We are, Sir,

(Signed)

Melville.

G. J. Hope.

H. Paulet.

P.S. The rates of the Frigates will be fixed when the establishments are settled.

Navy Board.

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