

wanted for service on the Lakes, that their Frames be sold; and further, that as the two Brigs are similar to the other Brigs of 382 tons, you are of opinion, if it should not be advisable to construct them on the Lakes, that it will be preferable to build them at Halifax;—

We hereby signify to you, that, in consequence of what you have stated, we have cancelled our former directions on this subject to Commodore Sir James Lucas Yeo, and directed him to be guided by your recommendations. And we do hereby desire and direct you to give the necessary instructions to Captain Hall, for the sale of the Frames of the *Prompte* and *Psyché* accordingly; taking care that the produce thereof be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Navy, and their Names (which are to be removed from the list of the Royal Navy) be inserted in the next Privy Seal for the sale of old stores.

We further desire and direct you to give the necessary instructions for the *Goshawk* and *Colibri* to be built at Halifax, agreeably to your proposal, if it should not be found advisable and practicable to construct them on the Lakes.

We are,

Your affectionate Friends,

*J. S. Yorke.*

*Geo. J. Hope.*

*H. Pattle.*

Navy Board.

(Copy.)

Sir,

Admiralty Office, 26th July 1814.

His Majesty's Secretary of State having transmitted to my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copy of a Dispatch from Lieutenant General Sir George Prevost, dated at Montreal the 9th of May, containing Reports from you and Captain Pring, as also from a Committee of Military Officers, on the practicability and expediency of conveying to and setting up on Lake Ontario the two Frigates and two Brigs sent out in frame from this Country to Quebec; and as it appears by those Reports to be expedient that the original intention of setting up these vessels on that Lake should be abandoned; and by a Report from the Navy Board, that from the peculiar construction of the two Frigates, and the inferior quality of their materials, they are unfit for general service at sea, and they have therefore recommended, if they are not wanted for service on the Lakes, that their Frames may be sold; but with regard to the two Brigs, as they are similar to other brigs of 382 tons, the Navy Board have recommended that their Frames should be sent to Halifax to be set up;—I have received their Lordships commands to acquaint you that they have given orders to the Navy Board to dispose of the Frames of these vessels, according to their suggestion, unless it should be judged expedient to employ the Brigs, or either of them, on Lake Champlain; and that Captain Hall will be directed to attend to such instructions as he may receive from you on this subject.

I am, &c.

Commodore Sir James Lucas Yeo.

*J. W. Croker.*