

We hereby signify to you, that, under the circumstances detailed in the Lieutenant General's Letter, and the Reports above referred to, it appears expedient, that the original intention of setting up these vessels on Lake Ontario should be abandoned; and we therefore desire and direct you to take measures for setting them up at Quebec, and to send proper instructions to Captain Hall for that purpose; in the performance of which Service, Sir James Lucas Yeo has been directed to afford him all the aid and assistance in his power.

We nevertheless acquaint you, that as it appears by the Report of Captain Pring, that one or both of the Brigs might, by lengthening, be reduced to a draft of water proper for the navigation of Lake Champlain, where their services would be of great value; we have left it to Sir James Lucas Yeo, to take measures for having one or both of the said vessels transported to that Lake accordingly, in the manner he shall judge most advisable, if on a review of all the circumstances he shall judge such a measure expedient: And you are therefore to direct Captain Hall to attend to such instructions as he shall receive from the Commodore on this head.

We are  
Your affectionate Friends,

Navy Board.

*W. Dundas,*  
*Geo. J. Hope,*  
*H. Paulet.*

(Copy.)

Sir,

Navy Office, 20th July 1814.

IN acknowledging the receipt of their Lordship's order of the 18th instant, wherein they advert to circumstances which render it expedient to abandon the original intention of setting up on Lake Ontario the two Frigates (the *Prompte* and the *Psyché*) and two Brigs (*Goshawk* and *Colibri*) sent out in frame from this country, and direct that measures be taken for setting them up at Quebec, signifying at the same time, that, as it appears that one or both of the Brigs might, by lengthening, be reduced to a draft of water proper for the navigation of Lake Champlain, where their services would be of great value, it has been left to Sir James Yeo to take measures to have one or both of them transported to that Lake, if, on a review of all the circumstances, he shall judge such a measure expedient;—we have to request, that you will state to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that the two Frigates in question were planned for the express purpose of serving on the Lakes, and are about eighteen inches shallower than ships of their class usually are, as the stowage of water was not required, and a smaller proportion of provisions would be proper; and as the materials sent out for their frames are chiefly of the most inferior Fir, we cannot recommend that they should be built as vessels for general service at sea; but if they are not wanted for service on the Lakes, we would propose that their Frames be sold.

With respect to the two Brigs, as they are similar to the other Brigs of 382 tons, we are of opinion, that if it should not be adviseable to construct them on the Lakes, it will be preferable to build them at Halifax.

We are, &c.

J. W. Croker, Esq.

*H. Peake.*  
*R. Seppings.*  
*H. Legge.*

(Copy.)

Gentlemen,

Admiralty Office, 21 July 1814.

HAVING had under our consideration your Letter of the 20th instant, referring to the directions contained in our Letter of the 18th instant, respecting the Ships and Sloops named in the Margin, whose Frames were sent from this Country to Quebec; in which you have stated, that the two Frigates in question were planned for the express purpose of serving on the Lakes, and are about 18 inches shallower than Ships of their Class usually are, as the stowage of water was not required, and a smaller proportion of provisions; and that, as the materials sent out for their Frames are chiefly of the most inferior Fir, you cannot recommend that they should be built as vessels for general service at sea; but if they are not wanted

*Prompte.*  
*Psyché.*  
*Goshawk, Sp.*  
*Colibri, Sp.*

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