

an order from the honourable Vice-Admiral Berkeley, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's ships on the North American station, respecting some deserters from the ships (therein mentioned) under his command, and supposed to be now serving as part of the crew of the Chesapeake.

The captain of the Leopard will not presume to say any thing in addition to what the commander-in-chief has stated, more than to express a hope that every circumstance respecting them may be adjusted in a manner that the harmony subsisting between the two countries may remain undisturbed.

*H. M. ship Leopard, at sea, June 22d, 1807.*

True copy,

CHAS. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,  
*Chief Clerk N. Department.*

No. II.—COPY.

I know of no such men as you describe. The officers that were on the recruiting service for this ship were particularly instructed by the government, through me, not to enter any deserters from his B. M. ships, nor do I know of any being here. I am also instructed never to permit the crew of any ship that I command to be mustered by any other but their own officers. It is my disposition to preserve harmony, and I hope this answer to your despatch will prove satisfactory.

Signed JAMES BARRON.

*At sea, June 22d, 1807.*

To the commander of His B. M. ship Leopard.

True copy,

CHAS. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,  
*Chief Clerk N. Department.*

No. III.—COPY.

SIR,—I consider the frigate Chesapeake your prize, and am ready to deliver her to any officer authorised to receive her. By the return of the boat I shall expect your answer.

And have the honour to be yours, etc.

Signed JAMES BARRON.

*Chesapeake, at sea, June 22d, 1807.*

To the commander of His B. M. ship Leopard.

True copy,

CHAS. W. GOLDSBOROUGH,  
*Chief Clerk N. Department.*

No. IV.—COPY.

SIR,—Having, to the utmost of my power, fulfilled the instructions of my commander-in-chief, I have nothing more to desire, and must in consequence proceed to join the remainder of the squadron; repeating that I am ready to give you every assistance in my power,

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