

but as I observed when I had the pleasure of seeing you at Bentville your measures must
be governed by circumstances. I hope the supply of arms and ammunition with which you
have been furnished will be sufficient for the purposes of the defence of your shores. By
a Boat which came over from Bentville a few days ago I was informed Major
Emory was on the Island at that time, and by his return I was informed to the
Major the quantity of arms and ammunition in part of them leaving only a few for
the defence of the Island. I am sure you will be satisfied with the quantity of this
and that I am sure you will be satisfied with the quantity of this
you will judge
Colonel Thomas Wright
I am with Respect
Dear Sir

To the Honble the Secretary of the Navy
Washington 4/18/13

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a letter of the 11th inst. and in
answer thereof to inform you that the letter was forwarded to the proper
the flag was set on board the Cutter which was ordered to the station
there in consequence of your information to the Honble the Secretary received
from the Dept of Government the cutter was ordered to proceed to the station
for that purpose the Defeat originally intended for the Cutter was ordered upon
me to make me acquainted with the circumstances and mention another Defeat which
might be obtained for them. My direction to the Captain of that Defeat was not to
take on board more than four men not knowing what number was agreed upon
between you and Mr. Shinnick and concluded that this direction was attended to.
I learn to day that only three including the crew were employed and that upon
reaching the other shore they were chose to leave the Defeat. I beg leave to assure you Sir
that Sinclair had not my permission to go on board of the Defeat in any other character
than that of one of its seamen. It seems that in order to effect his escape he gave a false statement
to the Captain. This explanation I have given in justice to myself and to satisfy you that I
had not the most distant thought of abusing the indulgence which you had the goodness to
grant in favour of the Cutter which was ordered on the other shore. Mr. Shinnick will soon
board to make any further explanations, that may be necessary, and which I hope will be
perfectly satisfactory. In justice to this Gen. I am to observe that he had under my observation,