Admiralty 17 September 1831

My Lord

I have received your Lordship's letter of the 16th stating that you had received information of the existence of certain Documents in the Admiralty inflicting blame to your Lordship at the time, when contrary to the provisions of the Act against Foreign Enlistment you held a command in the Chilean service, and requesting that copies might be given to you of such Parts of these Documents as may require explanation.

In answer I beg leave to state, that it is not usual for his [1] Majesty's Governments to produce from the Records of public offices Documents, which do not appear to be required for any public purpose. I am therefore under the necessity of declining to comply with Your Lordships Request.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your Lordship's obedient
servant
The Earl of Cumberland
Graham