

His Britannic Majesty's
Ship in the mouth
of the Delaware

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Porciens in the Mouth of
the Delaware
16 March 1813

Sir,

As soon as you receive this, I request you will send Twenty live bullocks, with a proportionate quantity of vegetable, and hay to the Porciens for the use of Britannic Majesty's Squadron now at this anchorage which shall be immediately paid for at the Philadelphia price, if you refuse to comply with this request I shall be under necessity of destroying your Town

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your very obedient Serv^t

J. P. Bessford Commodore
& Commanding the British
Squadron in the Mouth of
the Delaware.