



Admiral Sir Edward W. C. R. Owen, from a portrait by H. W. Pickersgill, c 1849

### **Assignment to Canada and the Change in Task**

Commodore Owen boarded HMS *Niobe* on 17 December 1814 for the trip across the Atlantic to Halifax. Midshipman Alexander Thomas Emeric Vidal joined him as secretary.<sup>8</sup> They travelled with Major General Sir George Murray,

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<sup>8</sup> Details of the crossing and trip to Kingston come from: "Commodore Owens, Lakes" 17 December 1814 to 31 January 1815, National Archives of the United Kingdom [NAUK], ADM 50/111, 209-22; "Passengers on the *Niobe*" *Quebec Gazette* 2612 (2 March 1815), 2; "Arrived in Quebec", *Quebec Gazette* 2613 (9 March 1815), 2; & "Montreal March 11" *Quebec Gazette* 2614