

Schooner Sea-Gull, one of the vessels attached to the Exploring Squadron (under my command), until further orders.

Your compensation will be the same as the lieutenants commanding brigs and schooners on the coast survey, when the Exploring Expedition left the United States, which will include all expenses while on shore or afloat.

I have directed Passed Midshipman Reid to report to you.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
*Commanding Exploring Expedition.*

LIEUT. COM. T. T. CRAVEN,  
Valparaiso.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Valparaiso, June 1st, 1839.

SIR,

You will remain at Valparaiso until the arrival of the schooner Sea-Gull, one of the vessels of the Exploring Squadron, expected here hourly.

On her arrival, you will supply her with all possible despatch by requisitions on the navy agent, with all the outfits, rigging, stores, and provisions, (which you cannot more conveniently obtain at Callao), when you will proceed direct to Callao; where you will find me, or orders with the navy agent, directing your further movements.

You will also procure any funds you may require from the navy agent on requisition and receipts, and will furnish me with a statement of the amount received and disbursed during your separation.

It is necessary you should join me at Callao, as soon as practicable. I trust, therefore, you will have every article ready to be put on board the Sea-Gull the first day after her arrival, and sail the succeeding day.

I have requested our consul, G. G. Hobson, Esq., to afford you every facility.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
*Commanding Exploring Expedition.*

LIEUT. COM. T. T. CRAVEN,  
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