

XXXVI.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Harbour of Callao, June 20th, 1839.

SIR,

In consequence of the changes which have become necessary in the Exploring Squadron (under my command), you are hereby appointed commander of the United States Schooner Flying-Fish, one of the vessels attached to the same, until further orders.

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

I have appointed Passed Midshipman Knox an Acting-Master, with orders to report to you for duty on board the Flying-Fish.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. R. F. PINKNEY,
U. S. Schooner Flying-Fish.

XXXVII.

GENERAL ORDERS.

THE undersigned, commanding the Exploring Expedition, has attentively examined the proceedings of the Naval Court of Inquiry, relative to the detention of the boat at Good Success Bay, in March last, and the conduct of Lieutenant Dale, who was in charge of her.

In the opinion of the Court he concurs; having been an eye-witness to the principal transactions, and believes that the whole difficulty and detention of the boat arose and was occasioned by the inexperience of Lieutenant Dale in managing a boat in the surf: the mode of using the ample means he had; a want of determined perseverance to execute his orders; and some procrastination in effecting his progress through the surf, being influenced by the