

timidity of some of those with him, arising from the novelty of the situation they were placed in.

In consideration of the remarkable long confinement of Lieutenant Dale under suspension, and being fully impressed with the opinion of the Court relative to his good conduct and attention to the men during his detention on shore; he is restored to duty, and will resume his duties accordingly.

The undersigned takes this opportunity to impress upon all under his command, the great necessity of adhering strictly to and carrying orders into execution, and of obtaining information relative to the best modes of surmounting difficulties before encountering them; also, to provide themselves fully with the means necessary to execute orders, and all those who may be passengers in boats to abstain from interfering or giving advice, unless it is asked, as many delays and difficulties may thus be avoided.

He cannot refrain from expressing the high opinion he has of the conduct of Lieutenant Hartstein; also of John Moore (quarter-master), Francis Williams (boatswain's mate), and Samuel Stretch (quarter-master), who volunteered in the attempt to afford assistance to the party on shore, and he desires to return them his thanks for their conduct.

The Naval Court of Inquiry, of which Captain William L. Hudson is President, is hereby dissolved.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

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

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U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Harbour of Callao, June 22d, 1839.

SIR,

We, the undersigned officers of the Exploring Expedition, under your command, respectfully take the liberty of addressing you on the subject of those officers who have incurred your displeasure in consequence of having been engaged in a duel; and whom, it is understood, you intend sending to the United States, with a recommendation to the proper authority that they may be dismissed the service.