

We are very far from arrogating to ourselves the right of discussing the propriety of any course you may think proper to adopt, with regard to those gentlemen; but, when we consider the youth and inexperience of the parties, we are convinced that the affair was entered into without proper reflection upon the ill effect that such conduct would have upon the reputation and efficiency of the service upon which we are engaged, and that the decided expression of your displeasure will be sufficient to deter others from the commission of a similar error; and we respectfully assure you that it would be the source of great gratification to all of us if you could render it consistent with your duties and responsibilities, as the commander of the Expedition, to overlook the offence against the discipline of the service, of which those officers have been guilty, and restore them to their duty.

We have the honour to be, very respectfully,

(Signed) ROBERT F. PINKNEY, Lieutenant-Commandant.  
OVERTON CARR, Lieutenant.  
JAMES ALDEN, Lieutenant.  
A. LUDLOW CASE, Lieutenant.  
O. H. PERRY, Lieutenant.  
JOHN B. DALE, Lieutenant.  
JAMES H. NORTH, Acting-Master.  
AUGUSTUS A. BALDWIN, Acting-Master.  
GEORGE F. EMMONS, Lieutenant.  
THOMAS A. BUDD, Lieutenant.  
SAMUEL R. KNOX, Acting-Master.  
WILLIAM SPIEDEN, Purser.  
GEORGE F. SINCLAIR, Acting-Master.  
JOSEPH A. UNDERWOOD, Lieutenant.  
H. J. HARTSTEIN, Lieutenant.

GENERAL ORDER.

Having received a strong application from all the officers of the squadron, in behalf of the young officers lately engaged in a duel, and believing that so remarkable a circumstance as the unanimous call of all their seniors, with their pledges that the reputation of the Expedition shall not suffer from the repetition of a like occurrence, and feeling also, assured as I do, that nothing of the kind will again occur during the cruise, to cast a stigma upon the reputation of the