

P. S. In looking over this communication, I believe it better to state, that the appearance noticed in the ice, and of which I have made mention on the third page, amounted to a deep earthy stain. I cannot pretend to account for it.

XXXII.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Orange Harbour, April 17th, 1839.

SIR,

You will await here until the 23d instant, for the arrival of the Relief; and when she arrives, you will immediately receive on board the gentlemen whom Lieutenant-Commandant Long may transfer to the Sea-Gull. You will afford them the best possible accommodation, and proceed with all despatch to Valparaiso, where you will find me or orders.

Should the Relief not arrive here on or before the 23d instant, you will proceed on the 24th, without delay, to Valparaiso.

You will report to Lieutenant-Commandant Long, on his arrival, and show him this order, after which your detention must not exceed six hours, as it is important you should reach Valparaiso.

If you should discover the Relief off, you will run out to take the passengers on board, with as little delay as possible.

Should she not arrive on or before the 23d, you will deposit the orders for Lieutenant-Commandant Long on the summit of Burnt Island.

I am, respectfully,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

PASSED MIDSHIPMAN J. W. E. REID,
Commanding Sea-Gull.

XXXIII.

GENERAL ORDER.

THE officers of the Exploring Expedition will transmit to me, on the receipt of this order, such collections of shells, specimens, &c., as they may have made since leaving the United States, with lists of the same, for the purpose of having them placed in a proper state for preservation and safe keeping.