

APPENDIX.

I.

STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIEUTENANT HUDSON'S GOING OUT IN THE EXPLORING EXPEDITION, UNDER LIEUTENANT WILKES.

LIEUTENANT HUDSON received orders, while first lieutenant of the navy-yard, New York, to proceed to Washington. On his arrival, he was told by the Secretary of the Navy, the Hon. Mahlon Dickerson, that he had been sent for to go out in the Exploring Expedition, and was directed to see Mr. Poinsett, then Secretary of War, under whose direction these arrangements had been placed. After an interview with the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the President of the United States, Lieutenant Hudson declined going out in the Expedition, under Lieutenant Wilkes, in consequence of his rank, and the military character of the Expedition. Lieutenant Hudson left Washington, returned to New York, and resumed his duties as first lieutenant of the navy-yard, under Commodore Ridgely.

After a short period the following communication was received from the Hon. Joel R. Poinsett.

II.

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Washington, June 5th, 1838.

LIEUTENANT HUDSON, U. S. NAVY,

Sir,—The anxiety I feel, in common with the whole country, for the success of the Exploring Expedition, and the high estimate I have formed, from the testimony of your brother officers, of your character and abilities, render me exceedingly desirous of securing your services