

## VII.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
At Sea, August 22d, 1838.

SIR,—

You will proceed with all practicable despatch to Port Praya, in the island of St. Jago, where you will remain five days, and then proceed to Rio de Janeiro, where you will await further orders.

During your stay at Port Praya, you will fill up with water, and supply your crew fully with fresh provisions and vegetables.

You will leave a communication with the consul of that port on your departure addressed to me, in case you should not hear from me before that period.

I am, &c.,  
CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

To LIEUT. COM. A. K. LONG,  
U. S. Ship Relief.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
At Sea, August 22d, 1838.

SIR,—

Should you arrive at Rio de Janeiro before this ship, you will inform the navy agent there, that about twenty-five thousand pounds of bread will be required at that port for the Exploring Expedition, on our arrival there, and request him to have the same prepared, of the first quality, that there may be no detention.

I am, &c.,  
CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

A. K. LONG,  
Lieutenant-Commandant Relief.

## VIII.

## GENERAL ORDER.—NO. I.

THE squadron being now ready for sea, the undersigned, Commander of the Exploring Expedition, takes this opportunity to return his warmest thanks to the officers, scientific gentlemen, seamen, and marines, for the indefatigable exertions they have made in equipping the vessels in their several departments; being well aware that had it not been for the individual and united exertions of all, the preparations could not have been accomplished in the short space of time they have been; and he