

XVIII.—CONTINUED.

AMERICAN ARRIVALS AT RIO DE JANEIRO.

	1839.	1840.	1841.
From the United States, -	92	97	119
From Europe, - - - -	31	27	39
From Whaling, - - - -	26	13	20
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	149	137	178
Vessels of War, - - - -	10	14	18
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Total, - - - -	159	151	196

XIX.

TO THE OFFICERS OF THE EXPLORING EXPEDITION.

THE undersigned, in calling the attention of the officers of the squadron under his command, to their personal appearance, would observe, that in his opinion the example of some of them in this respect is not such as should indicate to the crews of the different vessels composing the squadron, the necessity which exists of the greatest attention being paid to their personal appearance and cleanliness, in conformity to the internal rules and regulations of the squadron.

He has not been aware until recently of the extent to which the wearing of mustachios has been carried: they in most cases give a notoriety and appearance of want of attention to neatness, &c., which renders it impossible for the officer, with any degree of consistency, to carry the inspection of their men or divisions to that extent, which he considers absolutely necessary for the health and comfort of all.

He believes it only necessary to appeal to the good sense of the officers in order to remedy their appearance, and feels assured that upon reflection they will see the like necessity and importance of preserving, in the first national expedition, the usual appearance, habits and customs of their own country.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
At Sea, October 8th, 1838.