

stood in the diagrams, that the top of the paper will always represent the north.

In case of night coming on, the vessels will, if their boats have not joined them, fire a gun and then a rocket,—the first to call attention, the latter to give the direction; the rocket will be repeated every fifteen minutes, and the gun every half hour; keeping up their night distinguishing signals till their respective boats have returned; and when any boat joins them other than their own, to remain the night from stress of weather, fog, or any other cause, the vessel will fire two guns in quick succession.

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
February 22d, 1839.

## XXIX.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VINCENNES.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Orange Harbour, Feb. 23d, 1839.

LIEUTENANT CRAVEN will enforce strictly the regulations of the ship.

The following officers are left on board the ship for duty, viz. Lieutenant Carr; Lieutenant Alden; Purser Waldron; Chaplain Elliott; Acting-Master North; Passed Midshipmen Totten, Reynolds, May, and Sandford; Acting Midshipmen Clemson, Thompson, Clarke, and Elliott; and the four forward officers.

1st. Lieutenant Craven will have the men who have been transferred temporarily to this ship, stationed and quartered at the guns, dividing the officers in such divisions that they may be regularly exercised agreeably to the rules and regulations.

2d. Lieutenant Craven will have all the sails, boats, rigging, and equipments of every description, overhauled and repaired.

3d. The comfort and health of the crew will claim his particular attention, the regularity of their meals, and the avoiding unnecessary exposure to the cold, &c.

4th. The baking of bread, it is desirable should be carried into operation, in order that as small a quantity of ship's bread should be used as possible. For this purpose, the oven is to be erected on the gun-deck, and which it is anticipated by constant use will be sufficient for this purpose; if, however, from any defect, it should prove otherwise, recourse must be had to serving out flour in lieu of ship's bread.