

permission to lift the bowsprit of the brig, and endeavour to discover and stop the leak; this must be done with all possible expedition, as you must be ready to sail in five days after my arrival there.

You will deliver the enclosed orders to Lieutenant-Commandant Long, of the Relief.

Every exertion is expected from yourself and officers to effect this object, in the speedy accomplishment of your repairs, whilst laying at the island of San Lorenzo. You will be very particular in noting the hourly observations of the temperature of the air and water.

Two boats of the squadron will tow you to sea to-morrow morning at daylight.

Yours, very respectfully,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD,  
Commanding Porpoisc.

#### XXXIV.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Valparaiso, May 31st, 1839.

SIR,—

In consequence of the contemplated changes which have become necessary, you are hereby appointed commander of the United States Schooner Sea-Gull, one of the vessels attached to the Exploring Squadron (under my command), until further orders.

Your compensation will be the same as the lieutenants commanding brigs and schooners on the coast survey, when the Exploring Expedition left the United States, which will include all expenses while on shore or afloat.

I have directed Passed Midshipman Reid to report to you.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. T. T. CRAVEN,  
Valparaiso.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Valparaiso, June 1st, 1839.

SIR,—

You will remain at Valparaiso until the arrival of the schooner Sea-Gull, one of the vessels of the Exploring Squadron, expected here hourly.