

## GENERAL ORDER.

Having received a strong application from all the officers of the squadron, in behalf of the young officers lately engaged in a duel, and believing that so remarkable a circumstance as the unanimous call of all their seniors, with their pledges that the reputation of the Expedition shall not suffer from the repetition of a like occurrence, and feeling also assured as I do, that nothing of the kind will again occur during the cruise, to cast a stigma upon the reputation of the squadron, and believing that the Honourable the Secretary of the Navy, after a perusal of all the documents in relation to this case, will coincide in my views, and justify my proceedings, I have determined under all the circumstances to retain them in the squadron.

Passed Midshipmen Lewis and Harrison, and Midshipmen Blair and Henry, will therefore rejoin the Peacock forthwith.

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Callao, June 23d, 1839.

## XXXIX.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Callao, July 11th, 1839.

SIR,—

You will, on the arrival of the Sea-Gull at this port, proceed direct to Matavai Bay, Tahiti, Society Islands, pursuing the following route.

Steering a course that will take you in or about the longitude of  $105^{\circ}$  W., to the latitude of  $20^{\circ}$  S., which latitude you will pursue until you fall in with the Low Archipelago, and continue thereon until you reach the longitude of  $134^{\circ}$  W., where you will haul to the northward, and make two islands, called by the English Minerva and Serle Island, and by the French Clermont de Tonnerre: they are in about latitude  $18^{\circ} 32'$  S., longitude  $136^{\circ}$  W., the latter, or Serle Island, in latitude  $18^{\circ} 05'$  S., longitude  $137^{\circ}$  W. The French and English differ as respects the situation of this island.

From thence you will stand again to the southward, passing in the latitude of  $20^{\circ}$  S., to see if Turnbull's Island does exist: it is said to be in latitude  $20^{\circ} 10'$  S., longitude  $143^{\circ}$  W.; thence you will make and run over San Pablo Isle, another doubtful one, in latitude  $20^{\circ}$  S., and longitude  $145^{\circ}$  W., and from thence to Matavai Bay, where you will find me, or letters with the American consul, directing your further movements.