

You will pay particular attention to all your observations, and make a full examination of any thing you may fall in with.

On your arrival at Matavai Bay, you will lose no time in obtaining sights for your chronometers on shore, on Venus Point.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

CAPTAIN HUDSON,  
Peacock.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDANT RINGGOLD,  
Porpoise.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDANT PINKNEY,  
Flying-Fish.

## XL.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
Callao, July 12th, 1839.

SIR,—

You will proceed from this port to Oahu, Sandwich Islands, taking in your route the American Group of islands, in latitude  $16^{\circ} 10' N.$ , longitude  $134^{\circ} 50' W.$  These islands have been unsuccessfully looked for by Captain Beechey, in this position; you will therefore make the latitude in longitude  $130^{\circ} W.$ , to the eastward of their supposed situation, and run along it until you reach  $140^{\circ} W.$ :—thence direct to Oahu.

On your arrival there, you will leave in charge of the United States Consul, P. A. Brismade, Esq., all of the articles on board of the Relief belonging to the Exploring Expedition, excepting eight months' provisions for your crew, and sundry articles of provisions and stores to be landed at Sydney, New South Wales, agreeably to the lists enclosed herewith.

You will take from the consul receipts for the provisions which you may land for me at Sydney; you will require him, also, to have two-thirds of the flour (reserving the kiln-dried) you deliver him, baked and ready for the squadron early in the spring.

After remaining at Oahu fifteen days, you will proceed direct to Sydney, New South Wales, passing through the different archipelagoes as you may deem most expedient, and as the winds will permit. On your arrival at Sydney, you will leave in charge of J. H. Williams, United States Consul there, all the provisions and stores named in the list herewith marked "for Sydney," taking receipts for them, which you will leave enclosed for me, and request him to have one hundred barrels of the flour (reserving the kiln-dried) baked into hard bread, for the squadron, as soon as convenient.