

After landing all the articles at Sydney, you will take on board sufficient ballast, and proceed, via Cape Horn, to the United States, stopping at Rio de Janeiro if you require any provisions, stores, or slop clothing, which you will obtain by requisitions on the navy store-keeper there. You will not remain at Rio de Janeiro over ten days, and will proceed to Norfolk or New York, the latter if the season will permit, to enable you to dispose of the specimens, in regard to which you have separate orders enclosed, and to which I request your particular attention.

You will take charge of, and send to the Navy Department, the log-books of the squadron sent home by you.

You will, during the cruise, take on board the Relief, and ship, all distressed American seamen whom you may meet with.

On your arrival in the United States, you will show these orders to the commander of the station, and report by letter through him, to the Honourable the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing him a copy of them, as he has been requested to direct the payment of your officers and crew by the purser of the station, to whom you will deliver the rolls and accounts, with a statement of the money and slops advanced by you, that the same may be checked, taking receipts for the same, as offsets to the amount furnished you here in money and slop clothing.

You will keep a correct muster-roll of your officers and crew, noting any changes.

You will require from the officers all their journals, specimens, &c., agreeably to the instructions of the Navy Department; all of which you will box up and deposit at the Navy Department.

I enclose letters for the Consuls at the Sandwich Islands, and Sydney. Any expenses they may incur on the stores will be refunded on my arrival.

Should the Consul and Vice-Consul at Sydney be absent, you will call on Messrs. Edwards and Hunt.

If possible, you will anchor in the inner harbour at Oahu.

You will leave for me, with the Consul at Sydney, a report of your cruise from this place to Sydney; and you will on your arrival at home, forward to the Honourable the Secretary of the Navy, under cover to me, a report of the proceedings of the Relief from Sydney to the United States, addressed to me at Washington.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. A. K. LONG,  
Relief.