

On your passage towards the Sandwich Islands, you may calculate on making your easting under the equator, as westerly winds are said to prevail at this season.

The cooper of the *Shylock* is transferred to the *Porpoise*.

Wishing you a pleasant passage,

I am, &c.,  
 CHARLES WILKES,  
 Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD.

P. S. You will procure sufficient provisions to complete your rations for the crew, from any vessels you may meet with.

Should you succeed in obtaining the chief *Opotuno*, you will keep him safely on board the *Porpoise* until further orders, and will obtain from the consul or missionaries all the evidence possible, relative to his attacking any American citizens.

C. W.

U. S. Ship *Vincennes*,  
 August 10th, 1840.

SIR,—

You will proceed to the Sandwich Islands, running for all shoals that may lay in or near your track, and if any are found, they will be carefully examined. A copy of those existing is herewith enclosed. This duty is not to divert you so far from your course, as to subject you to the necessity of a further reduction of your rations.

You will endeavour to procure provisions from any vessel you may meet with, so as to enable you to issue the complete ration.

I am, &c.,  
 CHARLES WILKES,  
 Commanding Exploring Expedition.

CAPTAIN HUDSON,  
 U. S. Ship *Peacock*.

U. S. Ship *Vincennes*,  
 At Sea, August 11th, 1840.

SIR,—

I send you the dipping-needles: at any land you make, you will get observations with them.

You will not omit, on making any land whatever, to put over your