

assure you this is not the case; and if I could see you, I would explain things more clearly.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. EAGLESTON.

P. S. I sent this by his first officer.

XVIII.

ORDERS.

THE officers and crew of this ship will deliver to Doctor Pickering and Mr. Drayton, all the shells they may have collected or obtained, who will select from the same a sufficient number of each to complete one hundred, of the finest specimens, if possible, and furnish lists of the same, with the names of the persons who furnished them.

The undersigned will forward the remainder to the Department, with lists, or return them for safe keeping to the collectors, until the return of the ship to the United States, as all are prohibited from disposing of them, or sending them home, except to the Department.

The commander of the squadron does not deem it necessary again to express his views on this subject. All those who may be unacquainted with them are referred to his General Instructions of the 18th April, issued at Orange Harbour, Terra del Fuego.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
August 13th, 1840.

A copy sent to the Peacock, with Mr. Peale and Dana's names inserted.

XIX.

Schooner Currency Lass,
Off Turtle Island, August 3d, 1840.

THIS is to certify, that I have left Joseph Rees on Turtle Island, in charge of twenty-seven casks of oil, two empty casks, one jib-boom, which I have purchased from the natives. This is also to caution all strangers from trespassing on said property, the same having been lawfully bought and paid for.

CHARLES B. WILSON,
Master of Currency Lass.