

every thing to be conformable and obedient to the several requirings and lawful commands of the naval officers who may from time to time be placed over us.

Secondly. We do also oblige and subject ourselves to serve during the term of the cruise, and we do severally oblige ourselves by these articles to comply with and be subject to such rules and discipline of the Navy of the United States, as are or that may be established by the Congress of the United States.

Thirdly. The said Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, for and in behalf of the United States, doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said non-commissioned officers and privates of the marines who have hereunto signed their names, and each of them shall be paid in consideration of such services, the amount per month which, in the column hereunto annexed, is set opposite to each of their names respectively, and likewise to advance to each and every of them, three months' bounty, the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge, and that they shall be punctually discharged at the expiration of the term of their enlistment, or as soon thereafter as each vessel of the Expedition shall return to a port of safety in the United States.

The foregoing is a true copy of the terms of agreement entered into between Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones and certain non-commissioned officers and privates of marines, of the late Exploring Service of the United States; the signatures of whom are witnessed by commissioned officers, either of the Navy or Marine Corps: the original of which agreement is on file in the office of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury Department.

(Signed) JOHN ETHERIDGE,
Clerk.

January 9th, 1843.

GENERAL ORDER.

THE undersigned, commander-in-chief of the United States Exploring Squadron, in promulgating the sentences of the court-martial, in the cases of Ward, Riley, and Sweeny, takes the opportunity to revert to the causes that have brought about the crimes with which they are charged, and of which they have been found guilty.

The intemperate use of intoxicating liquors appears by the evidence to have had a strong influence in inciting the convicted men to the commission of their offences; and the commander takes this public opportunity to express his abhorrence of the practice, and to state that