

passed through, and all information it may be in your power to obtain relative to its facilities for commerce, and its wants.

On your arrival at Gray's Harbour, if an opportunity should offer you will send a letter, as above directed.

Wishing you a pleasant time in the execution of these duties,

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,

Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUTENANT R. E. JOHNSON.

NOTE.—In the above orders, the name of Lieutenant Johnson was erased, and that of Passed Midshipman Eld inserted; and Mr. Colvo-coressis substituted for Mr. Eld.

C. W.

## XV.

### ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY AND THEIR SERVANTS.

AN agreement, made this — of —, 1836, between —, in the county of —, in the parish of —, in England, of the one part, and the Governor and Company adventurers of England, trading into Hudson's Bay, by —, their agent, of the other part, as follows:

The said —, hereby contracts and agrees to enter into the service and employment of the said Company, in North America, in the capacity of farm-servants, or carpenters, or voyageurs, &c.; and that he will embark, when thereunto required, on board such ship or vessel as shall be appointed, and in behalf of said Company, and proceed to Hudson's Bay, and for the term of five years, to be completed from the said embarkation, and faithfully serve the said Company, as their hired servant, in the capacity of —, and devote the whole of his time and labour in their service, and for their sole benefit; and that he will do his duty as such, and perform all such work or service, by day or by night, for the said Company, as he shall be required to do, and obey all orders which he shall receive from the governors of the Company in North America, or either their officers or agents for the time being, and that he will with courage and fidelity in his said station, in the said service, defend the property of the said Company, and their factories and territories, and will not absent himself from the said service, nor engage, or be concerned, in any trade, or employment whatsoever, except for the benefit of the said Company, and according to their orders; and that the said — will faithfully obey all laws,