

I again refer you to my General Order of the 1st of May last, in relation to intercourse with Indians,

And am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

P. S. I have placed a magnetic apparatus and needle in charge of Mr. Eld, with which he will make observations every fifty or sixty miles on your route.

You will give Mr. Rodgers an order on me for the amount due him, and inform him that his services are no longer required by you.

I am, respectfully, &c.,

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUTENANT G. F. EMMONS,
U. S. Navy.

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U. S. Brig Porpoise,
Columbia River, Oct. 2d, 1841.

DEAR SIR,—

Being obliged from the lateness of the season to abandon the intention I had of using the launch of the late United States ship Peacock for the exploration of the coast to the southward of this river, I have thought that I could not possibly place her to a better use than by leaving her as a pilot-boat for communication with vessels off the dangerous bar of this river, and to afford relief, by giving pilots and assistance to those that are coming in, or in cases of accident.

It was my intention to have spoken to you on the subject before I left Vancouver; but, among the many duties that occupied my attention, it was forgotten.

I have spoken to Mr. Burnie in relation to taking the launch in charge for that purpose, but he has referred me to you, as he did not feel authorized to assume the responsibility of acting for the Company.

I will now state in a few words the charge I wish the Honourable Hudson Bay Company to assume, viz.:

That the launch be kept at Fort George, under the special charge of the agent of the Hudson Bay Company, for the sole purpose of affording aid and relief to all vessels requiring assistance of any kind, and to furnish pilots for entering the river, until called for by some