

The articles that were stricken off the Requisition, were the most necessary for us of any thing contained therein; and I regret to say, that in consequence of the objections to allow *indispensable articles* for the service we are going on, we shall be obliged to go to sea much less efficient than we would had they been furnished, and which will compel me to subject the government to pay quadruple prices for the same articles at Rio de Janeiro.

I have to request, that you will show this letter to the Honourable Commissioners of the Navy, in order to notify them that the Requisition was not irregularly drawn, but duly approved by myself, and consequently assumed as my act.

I have the honour, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

HON. JAS. K. PAULDING,
Secretary of the Navy, Washington.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Hampton Roads, August 18th, 1838.

SIR,—

I have this morning ascertained that only one set of pump-gear is on board this vessel, and one on board the Peacock, which are now in use.

The pumps of the Vincennes are 6½ inches.

2	"	Peacock	"	6	"
2	"	"	"	6½	"

We are now otherwise ready for sea, but cannot sail without these, as they cannot be obtained elsewhere; also two kedges are required, and a hose for the pumps, and pipe for the hose of the forcing-pump, and an iron brake for the Vincennes.

I have to request the favour of you to direct that three complete sets of pump-boxes, &c., for each vessel, may be furnished to-day.

All these articles have been repeatedly called for by the officers from this ship, but without success.

I am, most respectfully, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

COMMODORE L. WARRINGTON,
Navy-Yard, Gosport, Va.