

feels confident that the same hearty zeal and co-operation will carry us successfully through the arduous service in which we have embarked.

To all the officers of the Expedition the undersigned would remark, that every feeling which a devotion to such a cause can inspire, is felt by him; and that every thing will be looked to, which can tend to insure success in this undertaking, may be confidently relied on.

Harmony and good feeling he would enjoin upon all; the necessity of cultivating this, and the united exertions of all, cannot claim too much of your attention. Continue as you have commenced, and rest assured that we shall be successful in meeting the expectations of our country.

You may rest assured also of receiving impartial justice from me, and that in the assignment of duties and promotions, if any should occur; and that all will have the opportunities they desire of entering upon the scientific duties, nothing shall be wanting that can tend to this end.

To the scientific gentlemen, I have only to say, that they are, and always will be considered as one of us, and that every opportunity will be given them that can be imagined by the undersigned or suggested by them, to promote the success of the Expedition, in their particular departments. My conduct towards them will be the same as towards the officers with whom they are associated.

Those composing the crews of the several vessels of the squadron, may be assured that every thing will be done to promote their comfort, and every indulgence granted them compatible with the interests of the service; and it is confidently expected that they will strictly conform to the rules and regulations of the navy, and of the squadron; and that the same respect for their officers, good conduct, and good feeling for each other, will exist at all times.

(Signed) CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes.

IX.

ORDERS RESPECTING THE RECEIPT, SAFE-KEEPING, AND EXPENDITURE OF PROVISIONS, STORES, ETC.

A RETURN of all stores and provisions will be made before sailing, and thereafter, on the 1st of each month, of all stores and provisions on hand and expended.

The Relief having a large proportion of stores on hand, no expen-