

XXXV.

GENERAL ORDER.

THE undersigned, commanding the Exploring Expedition, has deferred acknowledging the great gratification he has received from the reports of the commanders of the different vessels respecting the officers and crews, during their late arduous cruise, and takes this opportunity, not only to offer them his thanks, but to assure them that he has duly represented the same to the government; and feels great confidence that in the coming service they will show an equal alacrity and obedience to their officers, and a determination to carry out the views of the government and the country.

CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
June 15th, 1839.

XXXVI.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,
Harbour of Callao, June 20th, 1839.

SIR,—

In consequence of the changes which have become necessary in the Exploring Squadron (under my command), you are hereby appointed commander of the United States Schooner Flying-Fish, one of the vessels attached to the same, until further orders.

Your compensation will be the same as the lieutenants commanding schooners on the coast survey, when the Exploring Squadron left the United States, which will include all expenses while on shore and afloat.

I have appointed Passed Midshipman Knox an Acting-Master, with orders to report to you for duty on board the Flying-Fish.

I am, &c.,
CHARLES WILKES,
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. R. F. PINKNEY,
U. S. Schooner Flying-Fish.