

Palmer's Land on its eastern side, (but too late for any trial to reach high latitudes,) and hoping that the lateness of the season would enable me to run some distance along it. I got within three miles of the coast, and saw it trending to the south-south-east about thirty miles; but it was so blocked up with ice as to render it impossible to get through. I have little doubt myself, in favourable seasons, Weddell's track may be followed, notwithstanding what the Frenchman may say, there being no land to which the ice is attached; and

that the ice in those parts changes very much, the currents being exceedingly strong, as I myself witnessed. I could not afford the time to be frozen up, as my other duties were and are paramount to passing the winter in such a situation. But you are differently situated, and I should advise you, by all means, to try to penetrate between longitude 35° and 45° W.

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

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VALUE OF EXCHANGE ON LONDON AND THE UNITED STATES AT DIFFERENT PORTS VISITED BY THE EXPLORING SQUADRON, MADE UP TO 1842.

PORTS.	Amount realized in dollars per £100 sterling exchange on London.	Rate of Exchange on the United States.	Value of Silver Dollars.
Madeira	£100 sells for \$460	10 to 12 per cent. disc.	Par.
Rio de Janeiro	100 " 440	12 to 14 " "	"
Valparaiso	100 " 520	Par.	"
Lima	100 " 510	"	"
Sydney, N. S. W.	100 " 480	10 per cent. disc.	"
California	100 " 450	12 " "	"
Sandwich Islands	100 " 430	12 to 15 per cent. disc.	"
Manilla	100 " 450	10 " "	"
Singapore	100 " 450	10 " "	"
Cape Town	100 " 444	10 " "	"
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