

You will make Carlshoff Island, and from thence proceed to the north side of Prince of Wales Island, where you will meet me; if not, however, you will determine the east and west ends of it, and that of Krusenstern's Island in its vicinity; from thence you will proceed to Matavai Bay, and await further orders.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. C. RINGGOLD,  
U. S. Brig Porpoise.

XLV.

U. S. Ship Vincennes,  
At Sea, September 4th, 1839.

SIR,—

You will proceed to windward, and visit Oura and Tiokena Islands, of King George's Group, and ascertain their correct position, and the number of islands composing the group. From thence you will proceed by Waterlandt to the Prince of Wales Island, coasting along the northern side, and taking observations as required by my orders of the 1st instant; and from thence to Matavai Bay for further orders.

Should you arrive at Matavai Bay before this ship, you will allow none of the natives to remain on board or visit the Flying-Fish after sunset.

Your vessel must never be left without two officers.

I am, &c.,

CHARLES WILKES,  
Commanding Exploring Expedition.

LIEUT. COM. R. F. PINKNEY,  
Flying-Fish.