

1849.

RESOLUTIONS.

copies of letters have been received from the Honorable Secretary of the Navy:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

February 18th, 1850.

SIR:—

Your letter of the fifteenth instant, reporting your arrival with the U. S. Ship Germantown, in the Chesapeake bay, on your way to Norfolk, has been received. It gives me great pleasure to say, that you have served in command of the Germantown, to the entire satisfaction of the Department. It also gives me great pleasure to enclose to you a copy of a letter from Commodore Perry, of the eleventh ultimo, which is placed on the files of the Department. Commander Charles Lowndes will be ordered to relieve you. On his reporting, you will regard yourself as detached from the command of the Germantown, with a leave of absence for three months, at the expiration of which, you will report to the Department.

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. Y. MASON,

Commander FRANKLIN BUCHANAN,  
Comd'g U. S. Ship Germantown,  
Norfolk, Va.

NAVY YARD, VERA CRUZ,  
11th January, 1848.

SIR:—

The return of Commander Franklin Buchanan to the United States, and his probable detachment from my command, gives me an opportunity of testifying to the department the high opinion I entertain of the merits of that excellent officer. Setting an example in his own person, of promptitude, cheerfulness and obedience in the execution of all orders, he exacts the same qualities from those under him; and I do him no more than justice in saying, that for courage, energy and judgment, he has not, in my opinion, a superior in the service. Commander Buchanan has headed detachments from his own ship, in the expe-