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Documents accompanying the Letter of
Capt. Porter.

Extract of a letter from Com Hillyar
to me.

PHOEBE, April 4, 1814.

MY DEAR SIR,

Neither in our conversation, nor in the accompanying letter, have I mentioned your sword. Ascribe my remissness in the first instance to forgetfulness; I consider it only in my servant's possession with my own until the master may please to call for it; and although I omitted at the moment of presentation, from my mind being much engrossed in attending to professional duties, to offer its restoration, the hand that received will be most gladly extended to put it in possession of him who wore it so honorably in defending his country's cause.

"Believe me, my dear sir, very faithfully yours,

(Signed) JAMES HILLYAR.

Captain Porter."

A return of the killed, wounded and missing on board the U. States ship Essex, of 32 guns, 225 men, David Porter, Esq. commander, in an action fought on the 28th of March, 1814, in Valparaiso bay, with the British frigate Phoebe, of 35 guns, 320 men, James Hillyar, Esq. commander, and the sloop of war Cherub, mounting 28 guns, 180 men, commanded by T. Tucker esq. [Here follows a list of killed, wounded and missing.]

RECAPITULATION.

Killed, and having since died of their wounds	58
Severely Wounded	59
Slightly Wounded	26
Missing	51
Total	154

After some conversation on the subject, the following correspondence took place:

VALPARAISO, April 4th, 1814.

SIR,

Taking into consideration the immense distance we are from our respective countries; the uncertainty of the future movements of His Majesty's ships under my command, which precludes the possibility of my making a permanent arrangement for transporting the officers and crew late of the Essex to Europe; & the fast approaching season which renders a passage round Cape Horn in some degree dangerous, I have the honour to propose for your approbation the following articles, which I hope, the government of the United States, as well as that of Great Britain, will deem satisfactory; and to request, that should you conceive them so, you will favor me with the necessary bond for their fulfilment.

1st. The Essex Junior to be deprived of all her armament and perfectly neutralized—to be equipped for the voyage solely and wholly at the expense of the American government; and to proceed with a proper American officer and crew (of which I wish to be furnished with a list, for the purpose of giving the necessary passport) to any port of the United States of America that you may deem most proper.

2d. Yourself, the officers, petty officers, seamen, marines, &c. composing your crew, to be exchanged immediately on their arrival in America, for an equal number of British prisoners of similar rank. Yourself and officers to be considered on their parole of honour until your and their exchange shall be effected.

In case of the foregoing articles being accepted, the Essex Junior will be expected to prepare immediately for the voyage, and to proceed on it before the expiration of the present month. Should any of the wounded at that period be found incapable of removal from not being sufficiently advanced in their reco-

very, the most humane attentions shall be paid them; and they shall be forwarded home by the first favorable conveyance that may offer.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) JAS. HILLYAR.

Capt. David Porter, late Commander of the United States frigate Essex, Valparaiso.

VALPARAISO, 5th April, 1814.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your several favors of yesterday's date—

The conditions offered by you for our return to the United States are perfectly satisfactory to me, and I entertain no doubt of their being equally so to my country. I therefore do not hesitate to pledge my honor (the strongest bond I can give) that every article of the arrangement shall, on our part, be fully complied with—A list of the Essex Junior's crew shall be furnished you as soon as it can be made out, and her disarmament effected with all possible dispatch.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) D. PORTER.

Com. James Hillyar.

Commodore Hillyar sent me a paper certifying that he had exchanged certain individuals therein named, making a part of the crew of the Sir Andrew Hammond, for an equal number of the most severely wounded of my crew—this occasioned the following letters:

VALPARAISO, April 4, 1814.

SIR,

I have received a paper signed by you dated yesterday, stating that you had exchanged certain wounded prisoners making part of my crew for the captain and crew of the prize ship Sir Andrew Hammond, which paper I have taken the liberty to return you, and protest in the strongest terms against such an arrangement.

In the first place, the wounded and helpless individuals therein named, do not wish such exchange; one died last night, and several others expect to share his fate.

Secondly, should I from any circumstances be separated from them, which would be more likely to be the case than if they remained prisoners, their situation would be more deplorable than it is at present.

Thirdly, this arrangement has been made without my consent, and far from offering equal advantages to the United States.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed) D. PORTER.

Commodore James Hillyar, Commanding H. B. Majesty's frigate Phoebe.

H. B. M. SHIP PHOEBE, }
VALPARAISO, April 4. }

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this day's date, protesting against the arrangement I made in the paper you returned, and to express a regret that my wish, which was to alleviate, and not increase the afflictions of your wounded officer and crew, has failed of being gratified. I am sorry you have thought proper to mention the dead and dying, as I so fully explained to you this morning that, in the event of the loss of any, other names should be added to the list. I shall now direct Capt. Wm. Porter to consider himself still a prisoner of war on his parole; but as I have ordered the people to go on board the Essex to work, under the impression that no difficulty would arise, will liberate in exchange an equal number of prisoners for them, as their names, being seamen, shall be found to follow each other on your late ship's books, and give up also 2 mates or midshipmen, for 2 mates which are of the English party.—I hope this may prove satisfactory to your government and self.

I am your's, &c.

(Signed) JAS. HILLYAR.

Captain David Porter.

VALPARAISO, April 5.

SIR—The arrangement which you have suggested respecting the exchange of the seamen of the Sir A.

Hammond, for an equal number of seamen of the late U. S. frigate Essex, as they stand on the list furnished you, is perfectly satisfactory. It will be a great satisfaction to the three officers who accompanied the Essex, to know, that after your object in taking them with you shall be effected, there will be no difficulty in their proceeding immediately for the United States. I take the liberty therefore to suggest that they might be exchanged here for captain William Porter and his three mates. This will be an accommodation to all parties, and reconcile the officers so exchanged to a separation from their friends.

I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

D. PORTER.

Commodore James Hillyar, Commanding His Majesty's Frigate Phoebe.

A list of the Prisoners liberated on parole, to proceed to the U. States in the Essex Junior.

David Porter, capt. Wm. H. Odenheimer, acting lieutenant, E. Barnwell, acting master, Richard K. Holliman, acting surgeon, Samuel B. Johnson, acting marine officer, N. W. Boswick, acting master; Alexander Montgomery, acting surgeon's mate, H. W. Osgden, midshipman, George Isaacs do. D. G. Faragut, do. James Terry, acting midshipman, Samuel Dusenbury, do. William Pierce, master's mate, Edward Lonscott, boatswain, George Green, boy, Francis Barrell, do. George Bartlett, seaman, Jas. Duffey, boy, Jas. Nickerson, do. Isaac Dly, seaman, Benjamin Hamilton, quarter gunner, Samuel Leach, seaman, George Stolenburgh, do. J. Midford, do. Peter R. Vole, do. William Robbins, do. John Hollam, do. Joseph Johnson, do. William Boyd, do. Charles Duval, do. D. Smith, do. James Middleton do. John Cresap, do. James Galley, do. J. Downhill, do. John Haden, cook, Robert Stanwood, seaman, Daniel Ross, quarter gunner; Nicholas Johnson, Robert Safterly, Mark Antonio, seamen, Thomas O. Loud, boy, Nicholas Rickett, John White, James Clark, George Rex, William Cutlers, seamen, Martial Gellis, Robt Taylor, orderly seamen, Thomas Edwards, gun. yeo. Jno. Gallagher, seaman, James Spencer, boy, Samuel Howard, seaman, Francis Lemos, orderly seaman, John Batenelder, Robert Isgrig, seamen, London Reed, John Robinson, Amboy Howland, John Harris, Abraham Jackson, Gadet Gray, orderly seamen, James Ocean, boy, Paul Moore, orderly seaman, Peter Amey, John Terry, seamen, Samuel Jones, John Harelay, orderly seamen, Samuel West, quarter master, Andrew Smith, Thomas Ewing, Frederick Barnes, Daniel Lombard, Antony Cook, Barnet Sparling, Shubal Cunningham, Gave Robertson, Samuel Johnson, William Foster, Jeremiah Bewell, Sylvester Smith, George Brown, seamen, James Redding, John Davis, Matthew Tuckerman, orderly seamen, Thomas Coleman, steward, Severn Denton, John Johnson, seamen, Bennet Field, armourer, George Kensingler, master at arms, John Stone, Francis Trepanny, George Williams, Jacob Lodaway, Thos. Milburn, John Penn, Henry Barker, seamen; William Hamilton, Daniel Gardner, orderly seamen, Wm. Kingsbury, boatswain's mate, William Nichols, orderly seaman, James Postell, seaman, Benjamin Bartley, orderly seaman, Jas. Goldsmith, Wm. Wood, Peter Anderson, Peter Ripple, John Gimesu, seamen, Isaac Vallance, quarter master, George Love seaman, S. M'Isaac, boy, William Godfrey, Jasper Read, Frederick Hartwell, Ephraim Baker, orderly seamen, Charles Hayes, quarter gunner, Adam Williams, orderly seaman.

Otis Gale, Wm. Whitney, seamen, Leon Green, quarter master, William Cole, seaman These last four men were left at Valparaiso in consequence of the severity of their wounds.

MARINES.
P. G. Small, sergeant, John B. Yarnal, private, Wm. Whitney, do. Henry Ashmore, do. John Fulsner, do. George Fritz, do. John Andrews, do. Thomas Ling, do. Isaac Stone
—Total 132.

From the National Advocate, July 11.

DECLARATION

Of Captain David Porter, on his taking possession of the Island, called by the natives NOOAH-EVAH, situated between the latitude of 9 and 10 S. and in the longitude of 140 W. from Greenwich, and named by him MADISON'S ISLAND.

It is hereby made known to the world that I DAVID PORTER, a Captain in the Navy of the United States of America, and now in command of the United States' Frigate the Essex, have, on the part of the said United States, taken possession of the Island (called by the natives Nooah-evah) generally known by the name of Sir Henry Martin's Island—but now called Madison's Island. That by the request and assistance of the friendly tribes residing in the valley of Tiusshoy, as well as of the tribes residing in the Mountains, whom we have conquered and rendered tributary to our flag, I have caused the village of Madison to be built, consisting of six convenient houses, a ropewalk, bakery, and other appurtenances; and for the protection of the same, as well as for that of the friendly natives, I have constructed a fort, calculated for mounting sixteen guns, whereon I have mounted four, and have called the same Fort Madison.

Our rights of this island being founded on priority of discovery, conquest and possession, cannot be disputed; but the natives, to secure to themselves that friendly protection which their defenceless situation so much required, have requested to be admitted into the great American family, whose pure republican policy approaches so near their own; and in order to encourage those views to their own interest and happiness, as well as to render secure our claim to an island, valuable on many considerations, I have taken on myself to promise them they shall be so adopted, that our chief shall be their chief; and they have given assurances that such of their brethren as may hereafter visit them from the United States shall enjoy a welcome and hospitable reception among them, and be furnished with whatever refreshments and supplies the island may afford; that they will protect them against all their enemies; and, as far as lies in their power, they will prevent the subjects of Great Britain (knowing to be such) from coming among them until peace shall take place between the two nations.

Present, consisting of the produce of the island, to a great amount, have been brought in by every tribe in the Island, (not excepting the most remote) and have been enumerated as follows, to wit:

Six Tribes in the valley of Teuihu, called the Tareeh's, viz.—1st tribe, Ho-at-tas; 2d, Ma-cuh's; 3d, Houneeah's; 4th, Pa-shauh's; 5th, He-kah's; 6th, Hav-vouth's.

Six tribes of the Happaws, viz. 1st tribe, Nieckes; 2d, Tatti-evovs; 3d, Pachas; 4th, Kee-kah's; 5th, Te-ka-ah's; 6th, Muta-who-ah's.

Three tribes of Ma-ama-tu-u-ah's, viz.—1st tribe, Ma-ama-tu-u-ah's; 2d, Li-o-ah's; 3d, Cah-a-ah's.

Three tribes of the Atta-to-kah's, viz.—1st tribe, Atta-to-kah's; 2d, Ta-kee-ah's; 3d, Pa-heu-tah's.

The Nieckes, only one tribe.

Twelve tribes of the Typees, viz. 1st tribe, Po-he-guh ah's; 2d, Naeguh's; 3d, Atta-yi-ya's; 4th, Cah-nu-ko-ka's; 5th, To-ma-va-hee-nah; 6th, Tickey-mal-uhu; 7th, Mo-aa-see-kah's; 8th, Atte-shows; 9th, Attetap-wy-hunah; 10th, Atte-ha-coe's; 11th, Atte-to-me-ohay's; 12th, Atta-ka-ka-ha-nenah's.

Most of the above have requested to be taken under the protection of our flag; and all have been willing to purchase, on any terms, a friendship which promises to them so many advantages.

Influenced by considerations of humanity, which promises a speedy civilization to a race of men who enjoy every mental and bodily endowment which nature can bestow, and which requires not only to perfect, as well as by views of policy, which secures to my country a fruitful and populous Island, possessing every advantage of security and supplies

for vessels; & which of all others, is the most happily situated as respects climate and local position, I do declare, that I have, in the most solemn manner, under the American flag, displayed in Fort Madison, and in the presence of numerous witnesses, taken possession of the said Island, called Madison's Island, for the use of the U. States, whereof I am a citizen; and that the act of taking possession was announced by a salute of 17 guns from the artillery of Fort Madison, & returned by the shipping in the harbor, which hereafter to be called Massachusetts Bay.—And that our claim to this Island may not be hereafter disputed, I have buried in a bottle at the foot of the flag staff, in Fort Madison, a copy of this instrument, together with several pieces of money of the coin of the United States.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature, this 19th day of Nov. 1813.

D. PORTER.

WITNESSES PRESENT.

Jno. Downes, Lt. U. S. N.
James P. Wilmer, do.
S. D. McKnight, do.
David P. Adams, Captain U. S. N.
Jno. M. Gamble, Lt. Ma. U. S. N.
Richard K. Hoffman, Acting Surgeon U. S. N.
Wm. Smith, Master of the American ship Vestross.
Wilson P. Hunt, Agent for the American North Pacific Fur Company.
Jno. M. Maury, Mid. U. S. N.
P. De Mest, citizen of the U. S.
Benj. Clapp, do.
M. N. Bostwick, Act. Mid. U. S. N.
Jno. G. Cowell, Lt. U. S. N.
H. H. O. Denheimer, Act. S. M. U. S. N.

FOREIGN.

New-York July 21.

ARRIVAL OF THE GENERAL ARMSTRONG.

The privateer General Armstrong, Capt. Champlain, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon from a successful cruise of four months, during which she has captured 11 vessels, 7 of which she burnt, and ordered in the remainder. She has brought in a few bales of dry goods.

Captain Champlain has politely favoured the editors of the Mercantile Advertiser with London papers to the 25th of May, 11 days later than any previously received. With the exception of "The Times," they are generally silent on matters connected with the dispute between the United States and England.—That paper indulges itself in a stilted contumely & insolence, when speaking of this country, which has no parallel. We have selected one article as a specimen of his ignorance and brutality.

Our negotiators and those of G. Britain, it is now said, are to meet at Ghent in Flanders.

Several regiments of Lord Wellington's army had been ordered for America, under the command of Lieut. Gen. Hill.

The restoration of the family of the Bourbons had not produced in France that tranquillity which it was believed would be the consequence of it. Parties, adverse, malignant, and powerful, had arisen, not only in the capital, but in the provinces and the army, and would require all the prudence and energy of the government to prevent its subversion of all social order.

We have copied from our file whatever we judged interesting.

Capt. C. has been cruising in the English and Irish Channel, in the Bay of Biscay, and off the Western Islands, and has not been to France, as was recently stated from London papers.

From London Papers to the 25th, received at the Office of the Mercantile Advertiser, by the General Armstrong.

From the London Times of May 20.

The friends of Buonaparte, and the poor weak creatures, who some months since, urged the necessity of making peace with him, now join in urging a peace with his foot, James Madison. They abused and

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EDMUND BRICE

Arundel County

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Wm. S. Green, Clk.
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April Term, 1814.

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Wm. S. Green,
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Court, April Term, 1814.

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