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U. S. Ship Albany
Harbor of Pensacola
August 13th 1849.

Sir,

Accompanying this letter I forward You an application from Lieut. James H. North of this ship, requesting a leave of absence to visit his afflicted family in Norfolk Va. Lieut. North has shown me a letter from home, of a nature so painful that, much as I shall regret his leaving the "Albany," I cannot do less than add my request to his that You will kindly permit him to proceed immediately to join his distressed family in Virginia.

I am very respectfully Yr. obt. Sr.
V. M. Randolph
Commander.

Hon.
Wm Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington, D.C.

Forwarded.
Foxhall A Parker
Commanding Home Squadron.

Senate Ex. Doc. 57, P. 74

Sir,

U. S. Ship Albany
At anchor off Ship Island.
August 25th 1849.

I have the honor to inform you that I sailed from Pensacola on the 19th instant, and after discharging the Pilot I broke the Seal of my orders given me by Capt. Newton, and ascertained from them that the field of our operations was in the vicinity of our present anchorage - Round Island, near Pascagoula. On this island (Round Island) from the best information I can gain, there are at present encamped from five hundred (500) to eight hundred (800) adventurers, who are awaiting an augmentation to their number of as many more, when they are to be embarked in Steamers (said to have been purchased and now in readiness at New Orleans) upon an expedition against either the island of Cuba, or the Tierra Madre States of Mexico. —

The rumors are various and contradictory, and no one unconnected with the scheme, seems to speak confidently of their purposes. Yesterday I learned from a respectable gentleman residing at Biloxi, that the opinion prevailed there that they were in secret correspondence with Ex-President, Santa Anna, who meditated revolutionizing Mexico again, and relied mainly upon recruits from the United States to bring about this end. —

I have despatched an Officer (Surgeon Delaney) to New Orleans to communicate with the District Attorney and Collector of Customs, for the purpose of obtaining something definite in the subject of the contemplated Expedition, and am hourly looking for the return of that Officer. —

I have likewise had an Officer at Pascagoula to watch the movements of the band on Round Island, and shall to day despatch the "Water Witch" with directions to anchor off the island and to board and search every Steamer or other vessel arriving at Round Island, and take

possession of them should they be freighted with Ar
other Munitions of war, and by all means to prevent
from receiving on board the band of adventurers co
=gated on the island, should arms be found in their pr

I have cautioned Lieut: Commt: Totten to act w
circumspection in this matter, but at the same
with energy. And the better to defeat the purpose
the adventurers I have written to request Capta
Newton to send me the Steamer "General Taylor"
if possible the "Walker" also, as with those and
Steamer "Oyster Witch" I think I can effectua
frustrate the plans of the party, and very soon d
them altogether.

It is impossible for the "Albany" to approach
than eight miles to Round Island with safety,
I exceedingly regret, as the scaling of our guns a
explosion of a few Shells from our Paixhans, in
from their encampment, would, I doubt not, sen
all back to their homes, and so break up the
=prise. —

I trust the Department will approve of w
have done, and of the plans I have chalked
prospectively. I shall endeavour to adhere St
to the orders which I have received from the
ment, and also the Proclamation of the Presi
of the United States. —

To-morrow, should the wind admit, I shall get
-bany undoubtedly and anchor off the east end of A
-and, so as to be as near as possible to Round isla

I am respectfully y
W. M. Randa
Command

Hon: Wm Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington City

N: B.

"Pascagoula" will be my nearest Post Office.

V. M. R.

Senate Ex. Doc. 57, pp. 77-78

Sir:

U. S. Ship Albany
At anchor off the East end
of Horn Island August 28th 1849.

I have the honor to inform you that the "Albany" under my Command is at present anchored as above. Our present anchorage is about ten miles from "Round Island" and is the nearest point to the scene of our operations (Round Island) which a vessel of our draft can reach.—

I have stationed the Steamer "Water Witch", Lt. Commdr. Totten, close to Round Island and shall employ the boats of the Albany to assist in guarding the spot night and day so as to prevent arms and other munitions of war from being landed on the island — and likewise to prevent the Adventurers from being taken from the island in sea going vessels.—

Agreeably to your instructions to Commodore Parker I have communicated and have consulted with the District Attorney, and with the Collector of Customs at New Orleans, and from every information received have satisfied myself that the persons congregated on Round Island are meditating a hostile expedition against either Cuba, or the Sierra Madre States of Mexico.—

I believe they are not particular where they go provided they are well paid for their services.— Indeed up to this time the privates are known to be in total ignorance of the point at which they are to disembark, after leaving our waters. We have conversed with many on the subject, and have now three of the privates on board of the "Water Witch" on a visit, and they all unite in declaring their ignorance of the point. ~~Much question whether the Officers themselves are positively certain~~ where they are going. They are unquestionably

=ably a band of reckless adventurers. Four fifths of privates, I am happy to state, are foreigners — Irish, Dutch Chiefly.—

After a careful examination of the Proclama[illegible] the President, and of your instructions to Commo[illegible] Parker, together from information derived from most reliable sources I have determined upon =ing a vigorous course with these people.—

The leaders are not men of high respectabili[illegible] fifths of the rank and file are foreigners; their o[illegible] are conducted with a degree of mystery which [illegible] honesty of purpose; and every circumstance go[illegible] prove that they are a band of reckless Militar[illegible] =ventures. I have therefore sent them a writt[illegible] Summons to disperse immediately, a Copy of [illegible] Summons I herewith forward to the Departmen[illegible] trust it will be approved by the Hon: Secretary [illegible] Navy.

I stand in great need of two or more Small =ers to assist in Blockading and breaking up Establishment on Round Island. I have writ[illegible] request Capt: I. T. Newton to send me the "Gen[illegible] and if possible the "Walker" too, but neither ha[illegible] as yet;—

I am almost induced to send to New Orle[illegible] the purpose of hiring a Steam Boat to be empl[illegible] this Service; but shall wait a day or two lon[illegible] the hope that a reinforcement will be sent [illegible] Pensacola—

I am, Sir, respectful[illegible]
Your obt. Serv[illegible]
V. M. Rand[illegible]
Comm[illegible]

Hon:
Wm Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

To the Persons encamped on Round Island, near Pascagoula

Friends and fellow Countrymen.—

The Proclamation of the President of the United States and other instructions which I have received from the Government at Washington, make it imperative and proper that I should immediately take measures to break up your unlawful assemblage, and send you back to your homes; and when I have said a few words to you in proof of your assemblage being unlawful, and of the utter impossibility of your evading the vigilence of our Squadron and getting out of our waters to proceed upon your contemplated mild expedition to make war against nations at peace with our own, I feel sure you will at once disperse and seek honest and peaceful occupations.—

First. The very mystery which marks the movements and actions of your Officers, and the blind ignorance of the men as to the destination of the Enterprize, clearly show that the objects and purposes of those at the head of your Affairs are known to be unlawful, and that plunder is the inducement held out to all who embark in this reckless expedition.—

Second.— We have proof that some of you have acknowledged that your destination was Cuba— and that others of your number have said that the expedition was fitting out for the invasion of the Sierra Madre States of Mexico— showing conclusively that your enterprize is one of a Military Character.—

And Lastly.— You are vagrants in the eyes of the law and in fact— and therefore cannot be allowed to occupy your present position and must immediately disperse.—

I will now prove to you that we have the means not only preventing your embarkation to foreign parts, but that we can force you to abandon your present

head quarters.

I shall employ all the vessels now in this vicin
or which may hereafter arrive, in such manner
most effectually bring about the ends desired.—

First — I shall certainly prevent the Steamers "Fa
"Maria Burt", or any other Steamer, or Steamers — Ve
or vessels, of whatever description, from furnishing
Adventurers on Round Island with arms or oth
munitions of War.—

Second. — If said Steamers or vessels have arms or
munitions of War on board, I shall take possession
Arms &c. and detain said Steamers or vessels until
men congregated on Round Island are dispersed

Third — I shall prevent the band of men on
Island from embarking on board of said Steame
vessels, or from having any communication with
at all.—

Fourth. — I will make said Steamers or vess
= chor within range of our guns.—

Fifth. — After to day (28th August) in accordance
a notice before given them, I shall cut off all sup
provisions which may be intended for the person
Round Island, and shall rigidly enforce this
or Embargo until they abandon the spot and go to

Sixth — I shall gladly give the persons on Roun
every facility to get away — taking particular ca
= ever, that they do not embark in sea-going ve

V. M. Randolph
Commanding U. S.
St L
and Senior Officer of
in the Gulf of Mexic

U. S. Ship "Albany"
Off Pascagoula
August 28th 1849.

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U. S. Ship "Albany"
off Pascagoula
Sept. 1st 1849.

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In my letter of the 25th of August I informed You what measures I had deemed necessary to adopt in order effectually and speedily to frustrate the plans of the adventurers on Round island, and I also sent You a copy of a Notice or Summons which I have circulated on the island and elsewhere to prevent an augmentation to their number and to induce the four or five hundred already assembled to disperse and go back to their homes. —

The more I see of this band of reckless men the stronger is my conviction that they are ready for any expedition which may be started, and that they are pledged to go wherever their leaders may direct. —

It is my deliberate opinion that if a piratical enterprise were, or could be, projected at this period to act upon the Gulf Coast, that more than one half of the four hundred and fifty (450) now assembled on Round island would instantly volunteer to take part in it. They are a terror to this neighborhood, and I have been assured by a number of the Citizens of Pascagoula that they have strong fears for the safety of their lives and property, particularly as our troops have been removed from this vicinity. The Civil authorities are afraid to act, and in one instance have been defied. —

I have expected, and therefore am not surprised, to hear my stringent measures denounced by the Newspapers of New Orleans and Mobile generally, and myself held up to derision, but this I do not regard, as I have seen for a length of time that the majority of the Newspapers

of

The two Cities above named have been strangely de
the subject of the movement which has been agita
these writers for the last six weeks. The irresistible
-nce to my mind is, that the Newspapers of Ne
-leans and Mobile have been paid to keep silen
And the same influences have caused them to r
and abuse the Navy for using prompt and rigor
-sures to put down the lawless enterprize which
studiously concealed from the people. The New
of New Orleans and Mobile were the last in the C
to allude to the preparations which have been g
for the last six weeks to fit out an expedition a
either Cuba, Mexico, or Yucatan; and even no
feign to make light of it, — hence I care but li
They say of me — all that I am solicitous abo
that the Government will approve of what I h

I was sent here, as I conceive, to defeat th
-chinations of a large body of reckless and aben
adventurers; and after obtaining the opinions
whose positions and intelligence enabled the
best the character of these people, and what they
doing, I determined to break up the Expedition
disperse the band before transports should be
-ney them beyond our reach. — I saw, as I th
one way of doing this, and that one, I have a
Had I waited until the "Fanny" arrived in th
and had I permitted that fast Steamer to have co
-tact with the four or five hundred desperadoes
island, and allowed her to receive them on board,
indeed have been most blamable. But I warn

against bringing the "Fanny" within reach of our vessels, and I am well pleased that no attempt was made to anchor heretofore off the island. — When I inform You that we have no vessel in the Gulf Squadron which would stand the slightest chance of overtaking the Steamer "Fanny" You will not be surprized that I positively forbid her coming to Round island. — But I beg leave to make another statement. When I issued the Summons to the people on Round island there was only this Ship and the little Steamer "Water Witch" at hand. The "Albany" cannot approach nearer than ten miles to Round island, so that in fact the "Water Witch" and the "Albany's" boats were all we had to keep off the Sea Steamers and to guard the island.
The "Water Witch" is exceedingly dull, and rarely ever reaches Six Knots, and the Steamer "Fanny" is a large and swift Sea going Steamer and runs at the rate of twelve Knots the hour. What possible chance would there be for this Ship, anchored ten miles off, and the little dull "Water Witch" to prevent the "Fanny" from taking the men to Sea and going to their place of destination? — Supposing I had allowed her to approach the island. And how should I have known where to give chase? I might have shaped my course for the South side of Cuba, and in three days the "Fanny" might have landed the adventurers in Tampico! Or I might have made Sail for Tampico, and in five days the "Fanny" might have landed the men on the South Side of Cuba, or on the island of Cozumel, East coast of Yucatan! —

~~I most respectfully beg leave to repeat — I was sent here as I conceive, to maintain untarnished~~ the

honor of the nation, by using all proper means
the Round islanders from leaving our waters to a
war against powers with whom we are at peace an
I have protected our Country from this disgrace,
cannot believe that You will blame me for what
done. — I had no other alternative — either the
Sea-going Steam Ship, the "Fanny" must have bee
-lowed to anchor off Round island, and so ca
Adventurers off to Sea, or else she was to be
to keep away, and the Adventurers starved o
thus made to disperse. I have taken the l
alternative, and trust that in the course of a few day
have the pleasure to inform You that they have accep
offer to convey them to Mobile, or have taken pa
a Lake boat to New Orleans, and so abandoned
island. —

One of the boats of the "Albany" has just returne
trip to Round island, bringing twelve of the Adv
who are seafaring men, & who are anxious to ship
service. They are good looking men and I believe a
-cans. I have determined to let them sign the Ar

There was a fight on the island last night an
the band were so badly stabbed that their lives
-paired of. These are wretched doings, Sir, t
waters — on an island only four miles from a
-ble watering-place and where there are Justi
Peace, a Sheriff, and, not very far off, a
Judge — all afraid to act! —

I am, Sir, respectfully

Hon: Wm. B. Preston
Secretary of the Navy.

V. M. Rand
Comm

note Ex. Doc. 57,
pp. 90-91

U. S. Ship Albany
Off Pascagoula (Miss)
Sep. 5th 1849.

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Sir

I have this day dispatched Ninety men to New Orleans in the Steamer "General Taylor" at their own request, and I believe that in less than Ten days from this date the whole band will disperse.—

No provisions or other articles have been stopped by us which were intended for the persons on Round island, on the contrary hearing that they were in a starving condition I fed them two days from our vessels.—

One man has died on the island from wounds received in a brawl, and another lies dangerously hurt from stabs. I sent the murderer on shore to be dealt with by the Civil Authorities of the "Sovereign State of Mississippi" but could find no one willing to act. Either the people here (including the Civil Authorities) are sympathizers in the movement, or else they are afraid to interfere.

My course has been condemned with much harshness in this quarter by certain paid newspapers. I, however, do not regard what they say of me. I believe that had I acted with less energy Eight hundred (800) Adventurers ere this would have been on their way to Cuba. I still believe that You Sir, will approve of what I have done.—

Herewith I send You a letter which I received Yesterday from R. B. Campbell Esq our Consul at [illegible]

I am very respectfully Yr. Obt.

Wm Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy.

V. M. Rand Lt
Commander.

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U. S. Schr. Flirt
Off Round Island
4th Sept. 1849.

Sir,

This morning the persons on Round Island renewed their application for transportation to New Orleans. They state that they intended to have availed themselves of your offer yesterday, but they were opposed by many of the Officers & persons who have Control, and those who wished to go were kept scattered, last night a large number of them took their blankets and encamped on the beach, preparatory to embarking. — To day after learning these facts, I sent all the boats on shore and had all who wished to leave the Island put on board the "Water Witch." — There is now on board of her Ninety persons, Capt Paty the person who made the arrangement with you is the head of this party and I believe he intended to act in good faith, as he stated to the party on Round Island upon this occasion, in presence of our Officers exactly the Conditions he had made with you. There is at this time as well as I can learn a good deal of misunderstanding & discontent manifested, and I am of the opinion that there will very soon be another party

-party applying for transportation. -
Col White Pleasant has again left
-cagoula without visiting the Island wh
has occasioned much dissatisfaction. -
The "Genl Taylor" can take this party
Ninety, I could not get them all safe
enough for her to go out this evening,
she will be out early in the morning
your "Marine Guard." and further Ord

I am Very Respectfu
Yr. Obt. Svt
Ebn Farrand
Lieut Comman

To
Commander W. M. Randolph
Commd'g U. S. Ship Albany
Off Rome Island

Consulate of the United States.
Havana August 28th 1849.

Capt. Victor M. Randolph
U. S. Navy
Pensacola.

Dear Sir

Since the sailing of Commodore Parker a few days ago, events are reported to have occurred on this Island which induces a feeling of insecurity on the major part of our Countrymen in Havana. These reports are, Pronunciamientos of several towns, the passing of a Regiment over to the Pronunciados, and the probable breaking out (if it does not already exist) of a Civil war. The Government here is despatching troops in all directions, and ordering the militia into active service.

Under these circumstances we should be pleased to have here as large a naval force as your command will admit.

The English Consul has thought it prudent to request of the British Admiral to send a Squadron here immediately, and it will doubtless soon arrive.

Do me the favor

to communicate ~~with~~ to Commodore Parker
the contents of the foregoing letter.

I remain, dear Sir,
With great respect
Yr Mt Obt Servt

Robert B Campbell

Duplicate

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Sir,

U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship Island
September 14th 1849.

I have the honor to inform you that the Steamer Allegheny, Lieut: Commdr: W. W. Hunter, anchored here on the 10th inst: last from Pensacola.

I have despatched Lieut: Commdr Hunter in person to New Orleans, for the purpose of obtaining more certain information of the plans and designs of the individuals directing the secret movements at Round island; and also of endeavouring to ascertain positively whether the Steamer Fanny has been purchased by them and is still designed to take them upon the "Secret Expedition".—

Lieut: Commdr Hunter being a native of New Orleans, and having a general acquaintance in the City, will doubtless bring back important intelligence.—

It has been blowing a gale for the last three days, so that I have been cut off from all communication with the persons on Round island. The last news from Cuba I am afraid has indisposed them to the immediate abandonment of the Enterprize I had hoped and indeed expected that they would have all dispersed ere this. Certain newspapers in this quarter, I regret to say, continue to encourage them to persevere in their wild and lawless Enterprize.—

I am strengthened every day in the belief that the band of men on Round island, now numbering three hundred and sixty (360), are ready to embark upon any

any expedition which promises plunder. Upwards of One hundred (100), as I have already apprised the Department, have taken my advice and left the island. They comprised the deluded and thoughtless; those who remain are generally reckless adventurers of all nations, ~~and~~ who are ready to go anywhere, and to do almost anything. I exceedingly regret to hear such a band of would-be bucaniers eulogized as patriotic and chivalrous American Citizens, and the Navy, and myself in particular, denounced as having shamefully prevented so meritorious a band of heroes from participating in a contemplated great and glorious struggle for Liberty and the Rights of man! Such strains of rhapsody I assure you, Sir, are not uncommon in this Quarter of the World.

I firmly believe that the three hundred and Sixty (360) men who are now on Round island could be readily hired to butcher every Spaniard in Yucatan or even Cuba. And yet it is noted that many of this very band, including their Colonel, were once employed by the whites of Yucatan to exterminate the poor oppressed and deluded Indians who are still struggling for freedom with a good prospect of success.

I am very respectfully Yr. Obt. St.

V. M. Randolph

Commander.

Hon: Wm Ballard Preston

Secretary of the Navy

Washington D.C.

Senate Ex. Doc. 57, P. 101

U. S. Ship Albany (00)
Off Ship island
Sept. 20th 1849.

Sir,

Herewith I send You the result of an examination which I
ected to be made Yesterday on board this Ship by three Officers,
Comm't. W. W. Hunter, Lt. Danl. B. Ridgely, and Rt. Lt. F. Norvell
the U. S. Marine Corps. You will perceive that the testimony of
Twelve (12) men from Round island who volunteered to Ship on
d the Albany was taken, and that it proves beyond question
t the contemplated Expedition was designed to be strictly Military
its character; that the men on Round island were regularly mus-
t and drilled by companies and in Battalion; and that they
put upon Guard duty, called together by Drum and Fife, and given
tersigns - In short that they were to all intents and purposes
egularly organized Military band: - That they even held a
t Martial on the island for the trial of a delinquent Officer,
was also punished by said Court, and suffered the award
punishment. - All these facts were known to me before
ok any action in the matter; but I now deem it proper to
ce the Department in possession of all the facts of
case, so that the somewhat rigid course which I have pursued here
not be regarded as indefensible. -
ere can be no doubt now, that War, Plunder, Women, Drink,
Tobacco were the inducements held out to the men who were
ted for this "Secret Expedition". -

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Sr.
T. M. Randolph
Commander

Wm. Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy.

Senate Ex. Doc. 57, PP. 101-104

Statement of Edwin B. Scott, John Search, Michael Tinnan, Danl. Mulholland, Peter Kelly, James Murray, Hugh Kennon, James Bently, John Holland, James Brennon, John Nixon, Thomas Barton. Shipped from the Round Island expedition on board the U. S. Ship Albany. Commander W. M. Randolph, Comm'g in relation to their contemplated secret expedition. Given on board of the U. S. Ship Albany, off Ship Island September 19th 1849.

Edwin B. Scott, was entered by Capt. Driggs on the 25th July at New Orleans - thinks he signed his name H. H. Driggs - Commanded the Pelican Company. Was to receive $7.00 per month and serve for twelve months, and two and a half dollars extra for clothing, and at the expiration of the service was to receive One thousand dollars. Was one of a party of about 460 which left New Orleans about five or six days after his enlistment - Went in Steamers by way of the Lake to Round Island. After several drills was appointed Sergeant Major of the Battalion. Was drilled by Lieut. Dally - Made regular and written reports every morning and signed himself Sergeant Major, and the reports were received by the Adjutant. Was on the island when a Court Martial was held for the trial of Lieut. Rowan. The sentence of the Court was, that the said Lieut. Rowan be confined to his tent for twenty four hours and apologise to his Company which sentence was executed. The Adjutant informed him that he was to consider himself under Military organization and conform to the rules of the Army. He was told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take him and the rest to a foreign Country and that they would be furnished with arms. Enlisted on board U. S. Ship Albany by his own request. Was told that

he was to fight - perhaps hard fighting, and perhaps not. ——

2. John Searl, states that he was enlisted in New Orleans in Capt Patterson's Company, he thinks about the latter end of July. Capt. Paterson told him that he would have hard fighting - were drilled twice a day on the Island. Is a native of New York. Lieut O'Neal was first Lieut: and Lieut. King was the second Lieut: - was told that he was to go out of the United States, but not far. His pay was to be $8.00 per month, was to serve one year as Soldier, and at the end of that time to receive one thousand dollars. Enlisted voluntarily on board the U. S. Ship Albany. Was told that it was a rich Country where they were to go.

3. Michael Finnan, states he was enlisted in New Orleans, is a native of Ohio - belonged to Capt. B's Company - were drilled twice a day morning and evening by the Orderly Sergeant. Was told that he would have to fight. Enlisted on board the U. S. Ship "Albany" voluntarily. He believed that he was engaged in an unlawful military Expedition. Was to receive $8.00 per month, to serve one year and at the expiration of the year was to receive One thousand dollars - believed that he would be sent to Cuba. He performed the duty of Sentinel over Adjutants tent. -

4 David Mulholland, was born at Manchester England - was enlisted as a Soldier at New Orleans as an Ordly. Sergeant - went to Round Island in large draft about the begining of August - was told that he would have to fight and work - was [illegible] and belonged to Capt. Paterson's Company, expected to leave every day in the Steamer "Fanny" - was to receive $8.00 per month and at the expiration

one year was to receive One thousand. Was put on post the night the men broke the windows of the Light house Keeper. Was told not to allow any one to pass without an Officer, or giving the Countersign, which was "White" He believes that the row was quieted by the Keeper of the Light house threatening them to go over to Pascagoula for United States Soldiers. Enlisted on board the U. S. Ship "Albany" voluntarily.—

5. Peter Kelly, was born at Vicksburg, Miss. was enlisted by Capt. Boyle and belonged to his Company. Was to receive $8.00 per month, and at the expiration of a year was to receive One thousand dollars. Was enlisted about the 10th of July. Col. White told all hands that they were going to a rich foreign country, would have plenty of hard fighting, and that they would have a plenty of liquor, money, and women. Said this in a Speech he made on the island. That he told them that they were to get away in the "Fanny" and receive their arms on board. They all gave Col. White six Cheers when he finished his Speech. Was drilled twice a day and was put on post in his regular turn. Enlisted on board the U. S. Ship "Albany" voluntarily and was glad to do so.

6. James Murray, was born at Liverpool. Was enlisted at New Orleans in Capt. Boyle's Company as a Soldier. Was told that he was to go to a foreign Country and to fight hard, that he was to receive arms when he got on the island. Was to receive $8.00 per month and at the expiration of one year to receive One thousand dollars. Col. White told him that he was to go in the Fanny and would then receive arms. Enlisted Voluntarily on board the U. S. Ship "Albany". Col. White said that they were to go where they could get a plenty of liquor, women, money.

and a plenty to eat. Was drilled twice a day and was was put on Post in his regular turn.—

7. Hugh Hennon, born at Prince Edwards Island, was enlisted in New Orleans, between two or three months since by Capt. Paterson and belonged to his Company. Lieut. Neal and King were the first and second Lieuts of the Company. Was to get $8.00 per month and at the expiration of the year to receive One thousand dollars. Was told that he would have to carry arms and leave the island. Was drilled twice a day and was put on Post to prevent the men breaking the ~~windows~~ glass of the Light house keeper's windows, and that the Countersign that night was "White". Enlisted on board the U. S. Ship "Albany" voluntarily and was glad to do so.

8 James Bently, was born at Burlington, Vermont. Enlisted in New Orleans, between two or three months since by Capt. Driggs of the Pelican Company. Was drilled and put on Post, Mustered by the Army Was Officers Cook. The Countersign once when he was on Post was "General Taylor". Was to be carried in the "Fanny" and to receive arms at the place where they were going. That it was a rich foreign city where they would have a plenty of every thing and would have to fight hard. Was to have $8 per month and at the expiration of the year to receive One thousand dollars. When he came at New Orleans he thought the expedition was sanctioned by our Government, and when he found was not, was anxious to leave. Enlisted on board the U. S. Ship "Albany" voluntarily. Some of the men killed the Cattle belonging to the Light House altho' the Light house keeper told them the cattle belonged to him and threatened to send over to Pascagoula to Gent. Twiggs.—

U.S. Ship Albany off Ship Island
Sept. 19th 1849

No. 9. John Holland was born in Nova Scotia. Enlisted in New Orleans in Company A. Capt. Harris. Lieut. Miller belonged to the same company. Was to get $8.00 per month and at the end of the year to receive One thousand. Was to go to some foreign country and receive their arms when they got there – that they were to go to a rich country where they would get a ~~[illegible]~~ plenty of liquor, women and money and were to have hard fighting – That they were to go in the "Fanny" which was in Dock then, and as soon as she was ready they would start. Were drilled and posted until the men of war came to the island and then the drills were ordered to be suspended.–

10. James Brennon, born at Grand Gulf Miss. was enlisted in New Orleans about two months since in Capt. Boyle's Company, Lieut. Rainey belonged to the same Company – Was to get $8.00 per month and at the end of the year to receive One thousand dol= =lars. Was told that he would have to fight and would get arms when they arrived at the place where they were going to – that it was a rich fo= =reign country where they would get a plenty of every thing – Was drilled and posted and once when he was on Post the Countersign was "White" – Col. White told him that the Steamer "Fanny" would be ready in about two weeks and come and take him away – he thought that they were going to rob. Col. White told them that they would have a plenty of women, liquor, and money. Enlisted on board of the "Albany" voluntarily.

John Nixon born in Ireland – Enlisted at New Orleans, about two or three months since in ~~Capt. Patterson's Company~~ – Lieut O'Neal belonged to the same Company. Was drilled twice a day and was put on post. When he was on

post once the Countersign was "Texas". Thought at first he was engaged in a government expedition, but when he found that it was not he was anxious to get away. Was told he was going away to fight and that if they were successful they would all be well paid and if not successful would probably never get home. Col. White said that they were going to an island where they would get a plenty of liquor and tobacco. Enlisted on board the Albany voluntarily. Col. White in his Speech said that they would get arms. The Battallion were ordered out to hear Col. White. Was to receive $8.00 per month, and at the end of the year a thousand dollars.

12. Thomas Barton. Was born at New Orleans. Enlisted in New Orleans about two or three months since in Capt. Boyles Company, Lieut. Peland belonged to the same Company. Was to get $8.00 per month and at the end of the year to receive a thousand dollars. Was drilled twice a day and was put on Post once, when the Countersign was "Beauty". Lieut Peland told them that they would get the arms on board the Steamer "Fanny" or "Maria Burt" and that those Steamers would take them to a foreign Country where they would have hard fighting.
Lieut. Peland said that they would go to Cu[illegible] That the Battallion was formed by Adjutant [illegible] to hear a Speech from Col. White. The Col. said that they were going to a plentiful Country [illegible] they would have hard fighting, a plenty [illegible] liquor and Women. Enlisted on board the Albany voluntarily.

We do hereby Certify that we were presen[illegible]

when the above statements were made, & that they were given voluntarily. —

Wm W Hunter
Lieut Commdg U.S.N.

Chas B Ridgely
Lieutenant U.S. Navy

T Worrell
Bt. 1st Lieut. Marine Corps

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U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship island
Sept. 21st 1849.

Sir

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I beg leave most respectfully to forward You for Your information the declarations made by the Twelve (12) men who volunteered to Ship on board the Albany and who were at the time a part of the Rhode island Guard.—

A perusal of this Paper I think cannot fail to convince You that my reasons here have been the result of mature deliberation. There are Eight (8) other men in the Squadron who were on Rhode island and who shipped on board the Fleet and Water Witch, and I am convinced that their testimony when obtained will agree in every particular with what is now forwarded.— I shall take Steps to obtain their statements as soon as I can communicate with those vessels.

I am Sir, Your Obt. St.
W. M. Randolph
Commander.

Hon Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

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U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship island
Sepr 20th 1849

Sir

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Herewith I send You a copy of the instructions which I gave to Lt. Commt. W. W. Hunter upon despatching him to the City of New Orleans to obtain information relative to the intentions of the band of men encamped on Round island, together with his written report furnished ~~me~~ on his return.

I trust the Hon Secretary of the Navy will approve of my course in this business.

I am, Sir, very respectfully Yr. Obt. Sr.
V. M. Randolph
Commander

Hon. Wm. B. Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

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U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship island
Sep. 10th 1849.

Sir,

You will proceed forthwith to New Orleans and will endeavour to obtain every information touching the movements and operations of Col. White and others so far as they may be concerned in causing the assemblage of men on Round island, believed to be organized and designed for the invasion of a foreign State in Amity with our Country. —

You will further endeavour to obtain precise information of the description of vessel or vessels which have been represented to as having been purchased or procured to transport abroad on our waters the band of men now encamped on Round island. When You have obtained all the information which You can on subject above stated, You will return to our anchorage off island and make Your report to me in person. —

I am, Sir, very respectfully
Yr Obt. St.
(Signed) V. M. Randolph
Commander

Commt. W. W. Hunter
Comd. U. S. Steamer Allegheny

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U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship Island
Sepr 26th 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose you herewith the testimony of the Keeper of the Light House on Round Island together with statements of the men who shipped on board the U. S. Schr. Flirt & the Witch, all going to prove the military and lawless character of assemblage on Round Island. —

From the communication made to me by Lt. Comm'g E. Farrand will perceive there is good grounds for believing that the Round no band will disperse in the course of a few days.

I am, Sir, very respectfully Yr. Obt. Sr.
V. M. Randolph
Commander

Wm Ballard Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington D.C.

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U. S. Schr. Flirt
Off Round Island
Sept 24th 1849.

Sir

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th inst and shall in all particulars act in conformity with your instructions,

The Doctor belonging to the Round Island party was on board yesterday, and he told me they would certainly get away this week, they have he informed me only about three days provisions and did not expect any more.

There have been several complaints made to me of killing cattle, and other trespasses, yesterday I learn they were to the number of about Forty making a great riot at Pascagoula. — I enclose you also a Statement of the Keeper of the light on Round Island, he has made repeated complaints to me all of a similar nature, he has reported the facts to the Collector of Mobile who recommends his applying to the Commanding Naval Officer here, stating that he has no force he can send him for his protection. —

Last night I sent him three men to assist him in getting off on board

of this Vessel in case he was attacked.

I send you the result of the examination of the men who shipped from Round Island on board of this Vessel and the "Water Witch" in triplicate as you directed Conforming as near as possible to what was Conceived to be your wishes

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt.
Ebm Fanseman
Lieut Comm'g

To
Commander W M Randolph
U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship Island

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The following are the Questions put to, and the Answers given by Henry Wilson

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1st Quest – Were you on Mound Island?

Ans. – Yes Sir –

2d Quest – Did you of your own free will ship in the U.S. Naval Service

Ans. – Yes Sir.

3d Quest – When you joined the "Secret Expedition", were you not informed by the persons who engaged you, that it was to be a Military Expedition & that you would be furnished with Arms, and that you would have to fight?

Ans. – Joined the Expedition in Consideration of the pay. totally ignorant of its character or objects –

4th Quest: What amount of Pay was promised you, per Month, and how much Money was you to receive at the end of Twelve Months?

Ans – Promised eight dollars per Month, at the end of 12 months service, One Thousand dollars with Rations and Clothing.

5th Quest.- Were you not drilled on Roun
Island?

Ans. — Yes. Sir

6th Quest- Were you not told that t
Steamer "Fanny" would t
you away from Round Isl
upon the Military Expedi

Ans. — We were told that the St
=er "Fanny" was fitting
and would take us to o
destination. Nothing sa
about a Military Expedi

7th Quest- Were you not told by
White that you would h
to fight hard, but that
you were successful y
would have plenty of
Plunder, Drink, Wom
and Tobacco?

Ans No!-

8th Quest. Were you not called
=gether whilst at Roun
Island by Drum & Fi

Ans. Yes Sir

9th Quest- Were you not regularly
drilled in Companies and
in Battalions?

Ans Yes Sir-

10th Quest: Were the Officers of Non-Commissioned Officers appointed and Selected?

Ans: Yes Sir

11th Quest: Did not a Court-Martial once set on the Island for the trial of an Officer, and was not that Officer punished by sentence of said Court?

Ans. I do not recollect any thing of the kind.

12th Quest: Were not the Officers always addressed by their titles?

Ans. Yes Sir.

13th Quest: Was there not always an Officer on duty called Officer of the day?

Ans. Yes Sir.

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The following are the questions put to and the answers given by John Riley

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1st Quest: Were you on Round Island,
Ans: Yes Sir.
2nd Quest: Did you of your own free will Ship in the U.S. Naval Service,
Ans: Yes Sir
3rd Quest: When you joined the Isard Expedition were you not informed by the persons who engaged you that it was to be a Military Expedition, and that you would be furnished with Arms, and that you would have to fight
Ans: I was informed that I would be supplied with Arms,
4th Quest: What amount of pay was promised you per Month and how much money were you to receive at the end of 12 months,
Ans: Eight dollars per month pay, Rations and Clothing and one thousand dollars at expiration of service
5th Quest: Were you not drilled on Round Island,

Ans: Yes Sir.

6th Ques: Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition,

Ans: Yes, by the Officers on Round Island.

7th Ques: Were you not told by the White, that you would have to fight hard, but that if you were successful you would have plenty of Rum Drinks, Women and Tobacco

Ans: Yes. We were told we would have to fight by the Officers and that we would have plenty of plunder

8th Ques: Were you not called to wheel at Round Island by Drum and Fife,

Ans: Yes Sir.

9th Ques: Were you not regularly in Companies and in Rank

Ans: Yes Sir. every Morning

10th Ques: Were the Officers and Non Commissioned Officers appointed and selected,

Ans: Yes Sir.

11th Quest: Did not a Court Martial once set on the Island for the trial of an Officer, and was not that Officer punished by sentence of said Court.

Ans: Does not know not being present.

12th Quest: Were not the Officers always addressed by their title.

Ans: Yes Sir.

13th Quest: Was there not always an Officer on duty called Officer of the day.

Ans: Yes Sir.

14th Quest: Were you given to understand that California was the destination of the Expedition, or had you any knowledge of its destination.

Ans: We were told in Orleans that our destination was California or the Island of Cuba

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To
Ebrn Farrand
Lt Comdg Ussch Flirt
Off Round Ist.

U.S. Str Water Witch
Sunday 23rd 1849.

Sir

We, the undersigned, respectfully report, that agreably to your instructions of yesterday; we examined all the men who have shipped onboard the Flirt and this vessel from Round Istd. Asking the questions propounded by Comdr Randolph and one or two others. The answers were given without objection, hesitation or demur. And without the use of any influence save the simple putting of the question.

In addition to the enclosed lists of questions and answers we append a statement of the keeper of the light on Round Island, made this morning on board this vessel, over his own signature.

We are sir with great

respect

Respect
Yr Obdt Servt

Geo. McCollum
Lt Comdg

Thomas Pattison
Acl Master

John Walcott
Acting Master

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I Lemuel Chilvers keeper of the Light on Round Island — do hereby state that some of the persons assembled on the Island, have injured public property, are in the habit of committing nuisances about my premises — that they have killed without license or purchase, cattle belonging to the former keeper of the light, and are in the habit of making such threats, as to induce me to believe that my person and property are not safe amongst them.

Lemuel Chilvers

U. S. Steam Wrecking Pilot
off Round Island
Sept 23d 1849

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The following are the Questions put to, and the answers given by Chas. Wilson

1st Quest: Were you on Round Island

Ans: Yes.

2nd Quest: Did you with your own free will, ship in the U. S. Service

Ans: Yes.

3rd Quest: When you joined the Secret Expedition were you not informed by the persons who engaged you, that it was to be a Military Expedition; And, that you would be furnished with Arms And that you would have to fight

Ans: They told us it was to be a Military Expedition. And they expected we would have to fight. And we were to be furnished with arms for that purposed.

4th Quest: What amount of pay was promised you per Month And how much Money were you to receive at the end of twelve Months

Ans: We were to receive seven dollars per month, and at the expiration of 12 months service One Thousand Dollars; and a Ration and Clothing during the term of Service

5th Quest: Were you not drilled on Round Island.

Ans: Yes Sir,

6th Quest: Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition

Ans It was the General Report that we were to be taken away by the Steamers "Fanny" Maria Bu[illegible] and other Vessels.

7th Quest: Were you not told by Col White that you would have to fight hard, but that if you were successful you w[illegible] have plenty of Plunder, Fr[illegible] Women and Tobacco,

Ans: No Sir,

8th Quest Were you not Called to-gether while on Round [illegible] by Drum and Fife

~~Ans: Yes Sir~~

9th Quest: Were you not regularly drilled in Companies & in Batalions

Ans: They were drilled, not regularly, in Marching, and at first had Morning and Evening parades;

10th Quest: Were the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Companies appointed and selected;

Ans: Officers were selected,

11th Quest: Did not a Court-Martial once set on the Island for the trial of an Officer, and was not that Officer punished by sentence of said Court,

Ans: Not that I know

12th Quest: Were not the officers always addressed by their title,

Ans: Yes Sir,

13th Quest: Was there not always an officer on duty called Officer of the day,

Ans: Yes Sir,

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The following are the Questions put to, and the answers given by Jas McBorth.

1st Quest: Were you on Round Island
Ans: Yes Sir.
2nd Quest: Did you with your own free will ship in the M.S. Service.
Ans: Yes Sir,
3d Quest: When you joined the Secret Expedition, were you not informed by the persons who engaged you that it was to be a Military Expedition and that you would be furnished with Arms and that you would have to fight
Ans: Yes Sir.
4th Quest: What amount of pay was promised you per month And how much money were you to receive at the end of twelve months,
Ans: Seven dollars per month and one thousand dollars for twelve months active service. Also Clothing and Rations.

5th Quest: Were you not drilled on Round Island

Ans: Yes Sir.

6th Quest: Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition.

Ans: Either the Steamer "Fanny" or "Maria Burt"

7th Quest: were you not told by Col: White, that you would have to fight hard but that if you were successful you would have plenty of plunder Drink Women & Tobacco.

Ans: He (Col White) said nothing about fighting, but said that where we were going we would have plenty of Women plenty of plunder Rum and Cords of Tobacco as much as we could take in.

8th Quest: Were you not called by White on Round Island Arm and Drill.

Ans: Yes Sir

9th Quest: Were you not Regularly drilled both in Companies and in Battalions

Ans: We were drilled both in Companies and Battalions

10th Quest: Were the Officers & Noncommissioned Officers of the Companies Appointed and Selected.

Ans: Yes Sir.

11th Quest Did not a Court Martial Once set on the Island for the trial of an Officers, and was not that Officer punished by sentence of said Court

Ans: Not that I am aware of.

12th Quest: Were not the Officers always addressed by their title.

Ans: Yes Sir.

13th Quest: Was there not always an Officer on duty, Called Officer of the day.

Ans: Yes Sir.

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The following are the Questions put to, and the Answers given by Daniel Warren.

1st Quest: Were you on Round Island.
Ans: Yes Sir.
2nd Quest: Did you of your own free will Ship in the U. S. Naval Service.
Ans: Yes Sir.
3d Quest: When you joined the Secret Expedition were you not informed by the persons who engaged you, that it was to be a Military Expedition; And that you would be furnished with Arms, And that you would have to fight;
Ans: When I agreed to go, it was with the understanding that we were to go without Arms, And as Emigrants, to where we were to learn afterwards; But after reaching the Island, I learned, we were to receive Arms.
4th Quest: What amount of pay was promised you per month, And how much money were you to receive at the end of twelve months.

Ans: Seven dollars per month, and One thousand dollars at the end of twelve months and was also found Rations & Clothing.

5th Quest: Were you not drilled on Round Island,

Ans: Yes Sir, drilled in Marching,

6th Quest: Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition.

Ans: I was, by Captain Harris, he told all of us, we were to be taken away by the Steamer "Fanny"

7th Quest: Were you not told by Col White, that you would have to fight hard, but that if you were successful you would have plenty of Plunder, Drink, Women and Tobacco

Ans: I was told so by Capt Harris

8th Quest: Were you not called together whilst at Round Island Drum and Fife.

Ans: Yes Sir.

9th Quest: Were you not regularly drilled in Companies and in Battalions

Ans: We were regularly drilled in Companies we belonged to

10th Quest: Were the Officers & noncommissioned Officers appointed and selected.

Ans: There were persons acting and respected as such.

11th Quest: Did not a Court Martial once set on the Island for the trial of an officer, and was not that officer punished by sentence of said Court.

Ans: Not to my knowledge.

12th Quest: Were not the Officers always addressed by their title.

Ans: Yes Sir,

13th Quest: Was there not always an Officer on duty, called Officer of the day.

Ans: I do not know.

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The following are the Questions put to and the Answers given by Simon August.

1st Question - Were you on Round Island?
Ans. - I was on the Island -
2d Quest. - Did you of your own free will ship in the U.S. Naval Service?
Ans - Yes Sir.
3d Quest - When you joined the "Secret Expedition, were you not informed by the Persons who engaged you, that it was to be a Military Expedition, and that you would be furnished with Arms and that you would have to fight?
Ans - We were promised arms & Clothing and were to fight -
4th Quest - What amount of Pay was promised you pr Month, and how much money were you to receive at the end of Twelve Months?
Ans Eight dollars pr month and one thousand dollars at the Expiration of 12 months -
5th Quest - Were you not drilled on Round Island?
Ans No. Sir, but the Company I belonged to was. -

6th Quest. – Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny" would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition?

Ans. – Yes Sir, Steamboats "Fanny" and other vessels. –

7th Quest. – Were you not told by Col. Hill that you would have to fight hard; but if you was successful you would have plenty of Plunder, Drink, Women and Tobacco?

Ans. – Yes Sir.

8th Quest. – Were you not called together whilst at Round Island by Drum and Fife?

Ans. – My Company was not with Music, belonged to another Company.

9th Quest. – Were you not regularly drawn in Companies for Battle?

Ans. – Yes Sir, the Company was drawn

10th Quest. – Were the Officers and Non Commissioned Officers, Appointed and Selected?

Ans. – Yes Sir –

11th Quest. – Did not a Court-Martial once set on the Island, the trial of an Officer was not that Officer –

— punished by Sentence of said Court?
Ans — I do not Know
12th Quest — Were not the Officers always
addressed by their title?
Ans. Yes Sir.
13th Quest — Was there not Always an
Officer on duty Called
Officer of the day?
Ans Yes Sir

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The following are the Questions put to and the Answers given by Charles Betts.

1st Quest. — Were you on Round Island?
Ans. — Yes Sir.
2d Quest. — Did you of your own free will ship in the U. S. Naval Service?
Ans. — Yes Sir.
3d Quest. — When you joined the "Scent" Expedition were you not informed by the persons who engaged you that it was to be a Military Expedition, and that you would be furnished with Arms, and that you would have to fight?
Ans. — Yes Sir.
4th Quest. — What amount of Pay was promised you per Month, and how much money were you to receive at the end of Twelve Months?
Ans. — Eight dollars per Month pay, Clothing & Rations, and at the end of Twelve months One Thousand dollars.
5th Quest. — Were you not drilled on Round Island?
Ans. — Yes Sir.
~~6th Quest.~~ — ~~Were you not told that the~~ Steamer "Jenny" would take

— you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition?

Ans. — The Steamer "Fanny" with others was mentioned as having been engaged to take us away and that we were to be furnished with Arms & ammunition when we were going —

7th Quest. Were you not told by Col. White that you would have to fight for but that if you were successful you would have plenty of Rum Drink, Women and Tobacco? —

Ans. Yes. Sir

8th Quest — Were you not called together whilst at Round Island by Drum & Fife?

Ans — Yes. Sir

9th Quest — Were you not regularly drilled in Companies & in Battalion

Ans. Was drilled in Squads & Comp

10th Quest — Were the Officers and Non-commissioned Officers appointed or selected?

Ans Yes Sir —

11th Quest — Did not a Court Martial sit on the Island for the trial of an Officer, and was not Officer punished by sentence of said Court?

Ans. Heard of an Officer being tried but know nothing of the Sentence —

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The following are the Questions put to and the Answers given by Henry Pearmain

1 Quest. – Were you on Round Island.
Ans. – Yes Sir –

2 Quest. – Did you of your own free will Ship in the U.S. Naval Service
Ans. Yes. Sir –

3. Quest. – When you joined the Secret Expedition, were you not informed by the Persons who engaged you that it was to be a Military Expedition, and that you would be furnished with Arms, and that you would have to fight? –
Ans. – Was not informed that it was to be a Military Expedition, but Considered it as such, as the Capt of my Company (H H Driggs) informed a Number of his Company, that they were each to be furnished with a Rifle, – Brace of Pistols and a large Knife, when we arrived at the place of our destination, we would have a hard fight, then we would go into Barracks. and not have to March through the Country

4 Quest:- What amount of Pay was promised you per month, and how much money were you to receive at the end of 12 months?:-

Ans.

Seven dollars per Month pay, good and Comfortable, Clothing, Rations, and One Thousand dollars at the end of Twelve months -

5. Quest.

Were you not drilled on Round Island.

Ans.

We were Sir.

6 Quest:-

Were you not told that the Steamer "Fanny", would take you away from Round Island upon the Military Expedition?

Ans.

We were told that we would be taken away in the Steamer "Fanny" on the Expedition -

7 Quest:-

Were you not told by Collins that you would have to fight hard but if you were successful ~~you would have plenty of~~ Plunder, Drink, Women &c

Ans. — Yes Sir.

8. Quest. — Were you not called together while at Round Island by Drum & Fife?

Ans. — Yes Sir.

9. Quest. — Were you not regularly drilled in Companies & in Battalions?

Ans. — We were Sir

10 Quest. — Were the Officers & non-commissioned Officers of the Companies appointed & selected.

Ans. — Officers were selected.

11 Quest. — Did not a Court Martial once set on the Island for the trial of an Officer and was not that Officer punished by sentence of said Court.?

Ans. — Yes Sir

12 Quest. — Were not the Officers always addressed by their title?

Ans. — Yes Sir.

13. Quest. — Was there not always an ~~Officer~~ on duty, called. — Officer of the day.

Ans. — Yes Sir.

14 Quest: — Were you given to understand that California, was the destination of the Expedition, or had you any knowledge of its destination?

Ans. Yes. Sir

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The following are the Questions put to and the answers given by Henry Noble

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1st Quest.- Were you on Round Island?
Ans. - Yes Sir
2d Quest Did you of your own free will ship in the U.S. Naval Service?
Ans. Yes Sir
3d Quest.- When you joined the "Secret Expedition" were you not informed by the persons who engaged you that it was to be a Military Expedition and that you would be furnished with Arms, and that you would have to fight
Ans. No Sir.-
4th Quest What amount of Pay was promised you pr. Month and how much money was you to receive at the end of 12 Months?
Ans To receive Eight Dollars pr Month Pay, Rations & Clothing, and One Thousand Dollars at the expiration of 12 months service.-
5th Quest Were you not drilled on Round Island?
Ans. Yes Sir.
6th Quest- Were you not told ~~that the Steamer "Fanny"~~ would take you away from Round Island?

— upon the Military Expedition?

Ans. No Sir

7th Quest: Were you not told by Col White that you would have to fight hard, but that if you were successful, you would have plenty of Plunder, Drink, Women and Tobacco?

Ans. We would have to fight, have plenty of Money & Women.

8 Quest: Were you not Called together whilst at Round Island by Dr and Fife?

Ans Yes. Sir.

9th Quest Were you not regularly drill in Companies & in Battalion

Ans Yes. Sir.

10th Quest Were the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers appo And selected?

Ans Yes. Sir

11th Quest: Did not a Court Martial once set on the Island for trial of an Officer, and w not that Officer punished sentence of said Court?

Ans. No. Sir not to my know

12th Quest: Were not the Officers sei addressed by their titles?

Ans. Yes. Sir.

13th Quest: Was there not always an Officer on duty, called Officer of the day?

Ans. Yes. Sir –

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Ans. Yes. Sir

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U. S. Ship Germantown
Port of Havana
Sept. 26th 1849.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you of my having arrived at Havana on the 16th ult. in command of the "Germantown" - and report to you the delivery of the despatches entrusted to my care addressed to Robert B. Campbell Esq. U. S. Consul Havana.

On the 29th proximo I contemplate sailing for Matanzas in view of showing the ship and our flag in that Port for a few days only - on my return should I receive no information inducing me to believe that a military expedition is in progress towards this Island, I shall return to one of our Atlantic Ports in accordance with your instructions dated August 21st 1849 —

I have the honor to be very respectfully your obt. Servt.
Charles Lowndes
Commander

Hon.
Wm B Preston
Secretary of the Navy
Washington City
D. C.

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U. S. Ship Saratoga
off Ship Island
12 October 1849

Sir

I have the honor to report the arrival of this Ship at this anchorage on the 9th inst.

I have pleasure in communicating to the Department, that all the Men on Round Island, belonging to the Texas expedition to the number of 50 or 60 have been removed from that place. I transmit enclosed, a Copy of a report on the subject, made to me this day by Commander Randolph.

I have instructed Lieutenant Commanding Ward to remain with the Steamer Wilson at Round Island, to wait the arrival of Commodore Parker.

The Saratoga and Albany being in want of necessary supplies, both Ships will sail on the 15th inst for Pensacola, accompanied by the Water Witch.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
W. C. Nicholson
Commander

The Hon
W. B. Preston
Secretary of the Navy

Copy

U. S. Ship Albany
Off Ship Island
Oct. 12th 1849

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report to you —

Yesterday in obedience to your order, I proceeded to Round Island in the U. S. Steamer Vixen Lieut. Comdg. J. H. Ward, and succeeded in removing from that island, all the men remaining there, belonging to the "Secret Expedition" to the number of fifty or sixty — Forty of that number, took passage in the Jas. L. Day to New Orleans last night, and there are now remaining in Pascagoula about thirty, who will probably leave in the mail steamer to-night for the same city. — Thus you will perceive the enterprize is now completely frustrated and broken up, and that the orders from the Hon. Secretary of the Navy have been carried out to the letter —

I have directed Lieut. Comdg. G. M. Totten to remain at anchor off Pascagoula until to-morrow, as well for the pro

Commander Wm. C. Nicholson
Comdg. U. S. Ship Saratoga
and Senior officer of the
Squadron off Ship Island

=tection of the inhabitants of that Village, against the thirty lawless men who are still on shore there, so that he may too finish certain repairs to the machinery of the "Water Witch" which he had commenced before my arrival —

I have directed him to repair to our anchorage off Ship Island to-morrow, and to report to you for further orders.

I am very Respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) R. M. Randolph
Commander

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Sir,

U. S. Ship Albany
Pensacola Nov. 6th 1849.

I beg leave respectfully to call your attention to the fact that this Ship is one Lieutenant short. Lieut. James H. North was detached near two months ago by the Hon: Secretary of the Navy, and Lieut. R. Love ordered from the Pensacola Navy Yard in his place; but, in consequence of ill health, Lieut: Love's orders were subsequently revoked and no one has been detailed as yet to supply his place on board the Albany.-

I am the more solicitous to have another Lieutenant ordered to this Ship because of the delicate health of our Acting Master, E. R. Colhoun, who in addition to his duties as Master of the Ship for want of another Lieutenant is under the necessity of also keeping a Watch at Sea.-

I would be glad to have the application made for a Lieutenant to take rank on board next after Lieut. D. B. Ridgely.-

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
V. M. Randolph
Commander.

Commodore
Foxhall A. Parker
Comm'g Home Squadron
Flag Ship Raritan
Pensacola F.

I respectfully request that the above application meet the approbation of the Hon. Sec. of the Navy, and be favorably considered. Your Obt. Svt.
Foxhall A. Parker
Comm'g. Home Squadron.