U. S. Ship Vincennes

At Sea, Aug 27th 1833

Sir,

I have to report that I have this day packed and marked for transportation to the Smithsonian Institute, Washington D.C. U. S. A. a cask marked "N. P. Exp.: Zool. No 1" containing —

1st 64 specimens of 25 species of Madeira fishes, including the genera:— Trigla, Mullus, Anquilla, Serranus, Tulis, Sargus, Pagellus, Cottus, Glyphisodon, Xyrichtys, Bleennius, Scomber, Trachinus, Caranx?, and Thynnus, and others.

2nd Several fishes taken at Old Point Comfort, Virginia.

3rd 10 specimens of reptiles, including four lacertans from Norfolk, and a Rana from Madeira

4th A Sepia and its eggs, from Madeira, and several Anatifa taken from a drifting log at sea.

Respectfully Subm.^d
Wm. Stimpson
Logist to Exp.

To

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Commanding Expedition

Mr. Stimpson

At sea Augst 27th 1853.

specimens, packed and

marked for transportation.

U. S. Ship Vincennes

Aug. 6. 1853

Sir

With regard to the specimens which you referred to me this morning, being part of the collections made by the officers of the brig Papine, I have to report that they have been assigned their place among the general collections.

The bird noticed in the Van Wyke's report is Dacelo Jagoensis. The Crustacean spoken of is a Phyllosoma the specimen being a female and highly valuable on that account, all the specimens taken in the net on the "Vincennes" being males.

Very respectfully

Wm. Stimpson

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Com. Edw.

Mr. Sturgeson
at Sea, Aug. 6th 1833.
On the animals, sent
it by Mr. Van Wyck.

Scutiger *sp.*

Mr. Stimpson
Brooklyn April 7th 1853.
List of Articles in the Zoological
Department.

U. S. Ship Vincennes
Brooklyn Navy Yard
April 7. 1853

Sir

In accordance with your order of April 5th I transmit herewith the following list of the articles for the Expedition belonging to my department, with the disposition which has been made of them.

In the Store House, destined for the Steamer
Ship J. S. Kennedy, are the following boxes
and casks, fully marked and labelled.

- A.. Small box containing abt. 25 ointment jars.
 B... " " " " 35 " " "
 C... " " " " 20 corked ointment jars.
 D.... Box, $3 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 1$ cont. 96 cork-strips and 8 gr Hom. corks.
 E.... " $3 \times 2 \times 1$ " 4 gross ounce vials & corks
 F.. Small box of ointment-jar corks
 G... " " " " " " [boxes
 N... Cask (Flour barrel) cont. 40 gross Hom. vials & 10 gr pill
 J... Box, abt. $4 \times 4 \times 1$ with padlock containing

Ides autrement j'arr

3. " Black Suncers

1 beam tissue paper

50 sheets drawing paper

3 bottles copying ink

3 reams fool's cap

1 lb. beswas

1 gr. Hydrochloric acid

H. box, $\frac{1}{2}$ gross instruments, jars

L. Box, 22 in x 20 x 12, cont. 1/2 gross ointment jars
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Vincennes

In the Spirit room are the following.

1. Box containing $\frac{1}{2}$ Swiss ounce vials Perks
2. " " " " " " " "
3. Cask " $\frac{1}{4}$ " " " "
4. Bag containing 7 Seives

In the Ward-room lockers

30 white saucers, for observing aquatic animals.

Smithsonian - continued

4 tin scoops
11 dredges
1 trawl net
2 dredge rakes
2 boxes chemicals
1 cask "

I am very respectfully

Your obt servant

Wm. Stimpson

Logist to Exp.

Capt. C. Ringgold

Commanding Exp. to North Pacific

U. S. Ship Vincennes

Simons Bay Sept. 24. 1853

Sir,

I beg leave to submit the following report on the collections made by the Aten vessels of the Squadron during the passage hither from Porto Praya, - which you have referred to me.

The collections of the "Porpoise" are as follows.

of Birds - one specimen of Diomedea fuliginosa by Mr. Van Wycke; two of Diomedea by the same; one of Procellaria Capensis also, by Mr. Van Wycke and one of Procellaria by Dr. Stuart.

Fishes. One specimen of Exocoetus, two of Scopelus, two undeterminable from injuries, and one remarkable species probably new.

Invertebrates. Specimens of Phyllosoma, Hyalea, Salpa, and Tyrosoma,

The collections made by Capt. Stevens of the "J. Cooper" are noticed by him in

a series of Memoranda, which I have copied, and herewith return. I would report that

N^o 1 is Tyrosoma Atlantica

N^o 2. These are, as Capt. Stevens suggests, the ova of various marine animals

N^o 3. is a Stephanomia, a rare and interesting compound Medusa, which did not occur to me in my researches in the Vincennes.

N^o 4 Specimens of Hyalea uncinata

N^o 5 is a Cephalopod of the genus Loligo, not found by any of the other observers

N^o 6 is the large Tyrosoma also observed by us in the same lat. and longitude.

N^o 7. is a Procellaria

Respectfully submitted

Wm. Stimpson

Zoologist to Exps.

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold

Com'ding Expedition.

Mt. Stimpson
Simons Bay, Sept. 24th 1833.
On the collections made by
the other vessels from
Porto Praya to Simonstirn.

Mr. Stimpson
Sept. 8th 53
On birds collected

Sept 8. 1853

Sir

There are six species ^{birds} now collected in these seas, including an additional species just caught. There are three species of Albatross and three of petrels. Two species remain uncaught but will probably soon be taken.

Respy

Wm. Stimpson
Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Com's Exp.

U. S. Ship Vincennes
Simons Bay Oct. 11. 1853

Sir

The specimens now packed
and ready to be sent home con-
sist of the following

Keg N^o 1 - of which the inventory is
now in your possession having
been sent in when the Keg
was packed

Keg N^o 2.

3 specimens of Exocoetus (Flying Fish)

1 Torpedo from Madeira

6 specimens of four species of
fish from Simons Bay, including
the genera Trigla, Sargus and
Setrasodon

3 Specimens of Land Turtles from
the Cape

1 Large cuttlefish (Eledone) from
Simons Bay

1 land crab from Porto Praya

5 large crabs (Plagusia) from
Madeira

2 specimens of Gorgonia, one
from Madeira, one from Si-
mons Bay

2 species of Echinus from
Madeira

2 species of Asterias from Madeira

Box No. 1 contains

17 specimens of 9 species of Sea-
Birds of Diomedea, Procellaria and
Thalassidroma

2 specimens of Dacelo Iagoensis

49 specimens of 24 species of
Land birds from the Cape
of which there are the nests
and eggs of four species

1 mole from the Cape

Respectfully Submitted

Wm. Stimpson

Zoologist to Exp.

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold

Commanding Expedition to
Behrings Str, China Seas etc.

Stimpson's
Specimens

Mr. Stimpson
Simon May Oct 11th 1853.
Specimens packed and
ready to be sent home.

U.S. Ship Vincennes

Simons Bay Oct 11 1853

Sir

The specimens now packed and ready to be sent home consist of the following.

Key No 1 - of which the inventory is now in your possession having been sent in when the Key was packed.

Key No 2

3 specimens of Exocoetus (Flying Fish)

1 torpedo from Madeira

6 specimens of four species of fish from Simons Bay, including the genera Trigla, Sargus and Stenodon

3 specimens of Land tortoises from the Cape

1 large Cuttle fish (Eleuthero) from Simons Bay

1 land Crab from Porto Praya

3 large crabs (Plagusia) from Madeira

2 specimens of Poronia one from Madeira, one from Simons B.

2 species of Echinos from Madeira
2 species of Asterias from Madeira
Box A. contains

17 specimens of 9 species of Sea
Birds of the genera Diomedea
Procellaria and Thalasidroma.

2 specimens of Dacelo from Pt. Praya

49 specimens of 24 species of Land
birds from the Cape of which there
the nests and eggs of four species.
1 mole from the Cape

Respectfully submitted
Wm. Simpson
Zoologist to Exp.

Com. Adwalarde Ringgold

Commanding Expedition to Behring's
Strait, China Seas, etc.

Mr. Simpson
Linn Bay Oct. 11th 1833.

Specimens packed
to be sent home.

U. S. Ship Vincennes
Simons Bay Nov. 5. 1853

Sir,

On the collection of Birds, recently submitted to you by Lieut. Van Wycke of the Porpoise, and which were referred to me, I beg leave to report that it is quite valuable, containing as it does eleven species which have not before been collected by the Expedition.

The number of specimens is forty-six; belonging to twenty five species.

Many of these are the females of several species of which our collection before contained only the males.

Respectfully submitted
Wm. Simpson
Zoologist to Exp.

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Com'g Expedition to Behring's Sts,
China Seas, etc.

Mr. Stimpson
Simonstown, Nov. 5th 1853.

On the species sent
in by Mr. Van Wyck.

U. S. Ship Vincennes

Simons Bay, Nov. 5th 1853

Sir

I submit herewith descriptions of twenty of the new species discovered by the Expedition since leaving New York.

The descriptions are in a proper state for immediate publication, which is desirable to ensure priority; and permission is therefore requested to send the M.S. to the Smithsonian Institution for that purpose, in accordance with the arrangement made before the departure of the Expedition.

Respectfully submitted

Wm. Simpson

Zoologist to Exp.

To

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Commanding Expedition.

Mr. Stimpson
Vincennes Nov. 5th 1853.
With a description of
new species found
up to date.

U. S. Ship Vincennes

At Sea, Nov 12 1853

Sir

On examining the contents of the net hove in the green water through which we are now passing, and comparing it with last night's capture, I find the common or characteristic species (a Mysis and a Monolepis) to be the same in both; - but in very different proportions; viz

	<u>Monolepis</u>	<u>Mysis</u>
Evening of Nov. 11 th	2	15
" " Nov 12 th	10	1

I have also to mention that Dana ^{tells us} ~~mentions~~ that the Monolepis is common on L'Agulha's bank.

Respectfully

Wm. Stimpson

Zoologist to Exp.

Com. Cadwalader Ringgold
Com'ding Exp.

Mr. Stimpson

Vincennes Novr. 12th 1850.

On animals caught in the
gap net.