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**Charles Wilkes correspondence**

1838-1852

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## Summary

**Creator:** Wilkes, Charles, 1798-1877

**Title:** Charles Wilkes correspondence

**Date:** 1838-1852

**Size:** .21 linear feet (1 volume)

**Abstract:** Charles Wilkes was an American naval officer and explorer. He led the United States Exploring Expedition of the Pacific Ocean, 1838-1842. This collection consists of correspondence by Charles Wilkes, claiming extra compensation while commanding the expedition in the Pacific Ocean. Also included is correspondence from William B. Preston and opinion of Attorney General J. J. Crittenden

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## Key Terms

### Subjects

Navies -- United States -- Officers -- 19th century

Wages -- United States -- 19th century

### Geographic Names

Pacific Ocean -- Discovery and exploration -- 19th century

### Names

Wilkes, Charles, 1798-1877

Crittenden, John J. (John Jordan), 1787-1863

Preston, William Ballard, 1805-1862

United States Exploring Expedition (1838-1842)

United States. Navy