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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

From Washington City.

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THE MISSING BARK COQUETTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York, St. Charles street, Oct. 11, 1851.

Sir—I take the liberty to enclose you the following correspondence, which I know you will publish as a matter of information to the numerous friends and relatives of the officers and crew of the missing bark Coquette.

There is every reason to believe that all on board still survive from the fact that Captain Prescott was an accomplished linguist, and that he had on board a passenger, a missionary, who had been many years in the East Indies, and would have, from that fact, an influence over the natives of Formosa.

The promptness with which Acting Secretary Conrad has responded to Mr. Prescott's letter, deserves all commendation. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

EDMOND C. GERRY.

New York, October 8, 1851.

Sir—Prompted by feelings of humanity, combined with those of duty, I respectfully solicit your attention to the following circumstances of the loss of the bark Coquette, commanded by my brother, Captain Prescott.

He left Shanghai with his vessel, in September, 1850, for Canton, in company with two brigs. A few days after their departure a severe typhoon arose, and the Coquette, with the two brigs, never reached the port of their destination. Recently two vessels were taken by an English vessel of war from the island of Formosa. They state that the bark Coquette, with a brig, had been wrecked on that island, and that the crews were either murdered or made prisoners.

I would inquire if the department ever which you should can take any steps by which the above statements may be tested, and if the missing crews are imprisoned? Whether or not some measures can be adopted to secure their liberation? Respects fully yours,

(Signed) H. W. PRESOTT, OFF.

Hon. W. A. GERRARD, Secretary of the U. S. Navy.

Navy Department, Oct. 10, 1851.

Sir—Your letter of the 8th instant, in relation to the wreck of the bark Coquette, under the command of your brother, Captain Prescott, has been received.

A copy of your communication will be sent to Commodore Aulick, commanding the East India Squadron, with instructions to send one of the vessels of his command to the Island of Formosa, for the purpose of ascertaining the fate in the case of the wreck of the bark Coquette, and the treatment of the crew.

I am, sir, respectfully, your obedient servant,

(Signed) C. B. CONRAD, Acting Secretary of Navy.

H. W. PRESOTT, 24 Wall street, New York.