Philadelphia, August 15th, 1865.

Sir:

You will land the store from the "Fort Donelson," pay off each of your crew whose term expires before January 1st, 1866, and those who enlisted prior to Feb. 24th, 1864, also those who enlisted in 1864 after Feb. 24th for two years, who desire to be discharged, on their refunding proportional part of all bounties received—transfer the remainder to the "Donelson."

To such as are not in debt, you will grant leave to visit their homes, and those in debt can have the same leave by depositing the amount of their indebtedness with the Paymaster of the vessel, to be forfeited if they do not return until after the expiration of their leave.

I am, very respectfully,

[Signature]

M. H. Millard
Commander

Commdg. U. S. S. "Fort Donelson"

Navy Yard, Philada.