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U.S.S. Fernandina?

St Catharine's Sound, Ga.

March 17th 1865.

Charges and Specifications of Charges in
the Case of Acting Ensign Charles Sawyer 3rd.
U.S. Navy, preferred by Acting Master comdg
Geo F. Hollis, U.S. Navy.

Charge First

Language unbecoming an officer and subversive
of good discipline.

Specification:— In this, that on the 13th day of March,
1865, the said Acting Ensign Chas Sawyer 3rd, then
serving on board the U.S.S. Fernandina, when
asked by the Executive Officer, Acting Ensign B.
H. Chadwick, if he had wound the clock, replied:
No; and I'll be damned if I wind either the
clock or chronometer.

Charge 2nd

Neglect of Duty

Specification 1st: In this, that on the 16th of
March, 1865, the said Acting Ensign Chas Sawyer,
3rd, then serving on board the U.S.S. Fernandina,
during the absence of his commanding and Ex-
ecutive Officer on duty, failed to have the chron-
ometer wound, thereby allowing it to run forty eight
(48) hours without winding.

Specification 2nd: In this, that on the 16th day
of March, 1865, the said Acting Ensign Chas
Sawyer 3rd, then serving on board the U.S.S.

Navy Department.

Washington, April 25 1865

Sir

In the case of Acting Ensign Charles Sumner 3^d
the Department will prefer charges as soon as he shall have
reported his residence - All the intrepes named by you are
noted and therefore it will cause less delay to have the case brought
before a Court at New York than to send the accused and
his and the government intrepes to the Squadron - You will
inform Rear Admiral Dahlgren of this course proposed, in answer
to his order to you of April 16 1865 -

Very Respectfully

G. M. Welles

Secretary of the Navy -

Acting Master

George F. Hollis

USS "Famandina"

Philadelphia

Comd^r Hull

Flag Ship "Philadelphia,"
Charleston Harbor, S.C.,

April 6th, 1865.

To Acting Master

George F. Hollis,

Commanding U. S. S. "Fernandina."

SIR,

You will please place under arrest Acting Ensign

Charles Sawyer 3rd, of U. S. S.

"Fernandina," upon the Charges and Specifications
of Charges ^{preferred by you, a} copy of which is herewith enclosed, and which you will
cause to be handed to him at the time; with directions to report to

Commander Wm. Reynolds, President of a Naval

General Court Martial, on board the U. S. S. "New
Hampshire," for trial. The trial will take
place as soon as practicable. Have
the witnesses also present.

Respectfully,

Dahlgren

Rear Admiral, Commanding
South Atlantic Blockading Squadron.

George Fearing Hollis Papers

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of Acting Ensign Charles Sawyer III, 1865**



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