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Commodore SAMUEL F. DUPONT, the commander of the Naval forces of this great expedition, is a native of the State of New Jersey, but received his appointment into the Navy from the State of Delaware, of which he is a citizen. His original entry into the service of his country was on the 19th of December, 1815; he has been, therefore, nearly forty-six years in the service. Up to the present time, Commodore DUPONT has spent nearly twenty-two years on sea, eight and a half years in active duty on shore, and the balance of his time has been unemployed. His present commission bears date September 14, 1855. He was lost at sea in May, 1859; and, from that date until ordered to join the great Naval Expedition, he occupied the post of Commandant of the Navy Yard in this city. Among the important positions that Commodore DUPONT has filled since he has been in the Navy are the following:—

In June, 1836, Commodore DUPONT—then Lieutenant—commanded the *Warren*, now the store-ship stationed at Panama, N.G., that was attached to the squadron of Commodore A. J. DALLAS, cruising in the West Indies. In December, '43,



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he commanded the U. S. brig *Perry*, while on the way to Rio de Janeiro, bound to the West Indies. In October, 1845, he also commanded the frigate *Congress*. She was at that time flag ship of Commodore ROBERT F. STOCKTON, and was carrying out Mr. TEN EyCK, U. States Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, and also Mr. KUZARELL, United States Consul to the Sandwich Islands. In July, 1846, he was commander of the sloop-of-war *Cyane*, at the time attached to the squadron of Commodores W. B. SHUBRICK and THOMAS A. C. JONES, in the Pacific. The selection of Commodore DUPONT to his present position has given universal satisfaction.

Commodore DUPONT is a man a little past what is usually termed the prime of life, but is possessed of all the vigor, bodily strength and ambition that usually characterizes younger men. In his personal appearance, the Commodore is a person that would at once attract attention, having all the easy grace of a finished gentleman, together with a commanding look that betokens perseverance and determination to successfully carry out any undertaking that he may be engaged in.

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