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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Dear Mr. MacMullen,

This replies to your letter of 5 September 1965, in which you requested information concerning the naval service of Captain Thomas ap Catesby Jones subsequent to the incident at Monterey on 20 October 1842.

Captain Jones was ordered to report to the Department on 1 May 1844 to explain his actions against Monterey. His next assignment came on 19 May 1846, when he was appointed Inspector of Ordnance. He held this post until 13 October 1847, at which time he was ordered to assume command of the Pacific Squadron once more. Captain Jones was relieved of this command on 26 August 1850 and ordered to report to Washington for Court Martial proceedings. This Court Martial was in no way connected with his actions at Monterey.

Thomas ap Catesby Jones received his appointment as Captain on 17 March 1829 and held that rank until his death in 1858. The rank "Commodore" was an honorary title usually given to those naval officers who commanded Squadrons. "Commodore" did not become an official rank until 1861.

As you may know, a complete account of Jones' premature occupation of Monterey may be found in House Document No 166, 27th Congress, 3rd Session. This document is probably available in the Henry E. Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

I am attaching a picture of Captain Jones, from our files. I am also attaching a copy of our Naval Bibliography, and particularly invite your attention to the listing of publications on page 8, which will be of interest in your research.

Please accept my best wishes for success in your coming article.

Sincerely yours,

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