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From the PublisherReceived the John Lyman Book Award from the North American Society of Oceanic HistoryExcerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.Sample entries. RIVAL; brig; 568 tons. Chartered Sept 7-11, 1863. [HR-337, Ocean, lake, p 86] RIVER see STONE RIVER RIVER QUEEN; schooner; 141 tons. Seized vessel. Chartered Feb 27, 1864, for unknown period. [HR-337, Ocean, lake, p 86; Doc 17] RIVER QUEEN; steamer; 536 tons. Chartered Dec 18, 1864-Oct 30, 1865. This vessel was the site of a meeting between Grant, Sherman, and President Lincoln in Mar 1865 at City Point, Virginia. [HR-337, Ocean, lake, p 86; Doc 17; Doc 56; Sherman; ORA, I, 42, 46] ROANOKE; steamer; 1100 tons. Chartered Oct 5-Dec 30, 1861, during the expedition to Port Royal Sound, South Carolina. Was a troop transport during the Burnside expedition to Roanoke Island Sound, North Carolina. During storm en route, it was necessary for her to jettison a portion of her cargo. [ORN, I, 12; HR-337, Ocean, lake, p 86; Saxton list; ORA, I, 6, III, 2; IV, 1, 2] ROANOKE; steamer; 266 tons. Pressed July 11-19, 1864. Utilized during 1865 on the Missouri and the Yellowstone rivers in part to supply Army garrisons. Was lost that Dec on the Missouri. [HR-337, Western Rivers, pp 160-227; Brown; Way] Rob MoNroe; steamer; 382 tons. Utilized May 23, 1865, for unknown period. [Doc 56]