

Messrs. Baine and Johnston agree to make good any defects not now apparent which may be discovered when she is docked. They also agree to deliver her at Portsmouth for the sum of 100%, in addition to the coals consumed on the voyage from Greenock.

I beg to enclose the ship's inventory, also a letter from the owners received this morning, in which they propose to send her round with a cargo of coals.

To render the "Bloodhound," or any other whaler or sealer, efficient for a Government Arctic Expedition will probably require an outlay of from 6,000% to 10,000%.

I have, &c.

(Signed) F. L. McCLINTOCK,
Rear-Admiral.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

No. 25.

SECRETARY of ADMIRALTY to Messrs. BAINE and JOHNSTON.

GENTLEMEN,

Admiralty, 5th December 1874.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in confirmation of their telegram of this day's date, to acquaint you that they will purchase the S.S. "Bloodhound" on the following terms, viz. :—

1st. Eighteen thousand one hundred pounds to be paid for the vessel delivered at Portsmouth, including all fittings, fixtures, &c., as set forth in the inventory which accompanied your letter of the 2nd instant to Sir Leopold McClintock, and on the further conditions that her boilers shall be thoroughly repaired by you, and that you make good any defects not now apparent which may be discovered when she is docked.

2nd. You will also be paid for the coals which shall be expended on the voyage to Portsmouth, but my Lords do not wish that any more coals should be put on board than will be necessary for the voyage.

My Lords desire that you will be so good as to insure the vessel against fire and sea risk on the passage to Portsmouth, and my Lords will repay you the amount of the premiums.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

Messrs. Baine & Johnston,
Greenock.

COMPLEMENT OF H.M.S. "ALERT" SENIOR SHIP OF ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

No. 26.

Ranks and Ratings.	Ranks and Ratings.
1 captain.	1 cooper (captain of hold).
1 commander.	1 shipwright (or caulker).
4 lieutenants.	1 carpenter's crew.
1 sub-lieutenant.	14 able seamen.
2 fleet surgeons or surgeons.	1 captain's steward.
1 assistant paymaster in charge.	1 ward room steward.
1 naturalist.	1 ward room cook.
1 chief boatswain's mate.	2 engineers.
1 chief carpenter's mate.	1 leading stoker (a blacksmith).
1 ship's steward.	3 stokers and coal trimmers.
1 ship's cook.	
2 captains of forecastle.	ROYAL MARINES.
3 ice quartermasters.	1 sergeant (charge of Lr. Deck).
1 captain of maintop.	6 { Privates, including 3 gunners
1 captain of foretop.	R.M.A., and privates as ward
1 sailmaker } (seamen).	room officers' servants.
1 ropemaker }	2 Esquimaux or Danes as dog drivers.
1 armourer in charge of gunner's stores.	
1 second captain maintop.	62 Total.
1 second captain foretop.	