

Papers relating to the Arctic Relief Expeditions.

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INFORMATION relating to the UNITED STATES EXPEDITION in search of
Sir John Franklin and his Companions.

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No. 1. (A.)

COPY of a LETTER from *H. U. Addington*, Esq., to *J. Parker*, Esq., M.P.

Sir,

Foreign Office, 25 May 1850.

I AM directed by Viscount Palmerston to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed in Congress relative to the sending out of two American vessels in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions.

I am, &c.

(signed) *H. U. Addington*.

Enclosure to No. 1 (A.)

My Lord,

Washington, 6 May 1850.

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith a copy of a joint resolution which has passed both houses of Congress, authorizing the President to accept and attach to the navy two vessels offered by Henry Grinnell, esq., of New York, to be sent to the Arctic seas in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. L. Bulwer*.

Viscount Palmerston, &c. &c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure to No. 1 (A.)

By Authority.

PUBLIC ACTS passed during the First Session of the Thirty-first Congress.—
Public, No. 4.

JOINT resolution authorizing the President of the United States to accept and attach to the navy two vessels offered by Henry Grinnell, esq., of New York, to be sent to the Arctic seas in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to receive from Henry Grinnell, of the city of New York, the two vessels prepared by him for an expedition in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions; and to detail from the navy such commissioned and warrant officers, and so many seamen as may be necessary for said expedition, and who may be willing to engage therein.

The said officers and men shall be furnished with suitable rations, at the discretion of the President, for a period not exceeding three years, and shall have the use of such necessary instruments as are now on hand, and can be