

## No. 2.

## SAILING ORDERS of the "VALOROUS."

SIR,

Admiralty, May 19th, 1875.

1. My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having decided that the "Valorous," under your command, shall accompany the ships of the Arctic Expedition as far as Disco, I am to signify their Lordships' direction to you to place yourself, temporarily, under the command of Captain Nares of H.M.S. "Alert."

2. You will receive on board as large a supply of extra coal as can be conveniently stowed, with such extra supplies and stores as Captain Nares may require of you to convey to Disco, where the same are to be transferred to the Arctic ships; and Captain Nares having no further cause for your detention, you are, after having received on board his despatches and mails for England, to proceed from that place on your homeward voyage.

3. The route you are to follow as near as circumstances will permit, is marked in the accompanying charts; and opportunities are to be taken for sounding, and observing sea temperatures near the various positions indicated on the line of route.

4. Dredgings of the sea-bottom are also to be obtained when the state of the wind and sea will permit, and all reasonable facilities are to be afforded to the two scientific gentlemen who accompany you at the request of the Royal Society, and by the directions of their Lordships, for the prosecution of National Science.

5. Your co-operation in this matter is desirable, both as regards the collections to be made, and their safe preservation.

6. You have been provided with the necessary sounding and dredging apparatus, and the Hydrographer has been directed to furnish you with memoranda relative to the mode of making and recording the necessary observations.

7. After passing the 15th meridian of west longitude, you are to make the best of your way to Plymouth, passing north or south of Ireland, as you may deem it expedient, calling at such ports as may be necessary for replenishing coal.

8. In view of the requirements of the Arctic ships having left the "Valorous" with, perhaps, a small supply of English coal, and it being desirable that you should proceed on your homeward voyage with sufficient fuel to carry out the instructions herein given, you are to use every endeavour to procure coal from the neighbourhood of Disco, either by purchasing, if practicable, from the Danish authorities, or by employing your crew in procuring it from the seams in Waigat Strait, or other suitable place in the vicinity.

9. Much information on this point has been incorporated in the sailing directions for Davis Strait and Baffin's Bay, pp. 33-34, to which your attention is directed.

I am, &amp;c.

Captain Loftus Jones, R.N.,  
H.M.S. "Valorous," Portsmouth.

(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

## No. 3.

## CAPTAIN NARES to the SECRETARY of the ADMIRALTY.

H.M.S. "Alert" at Sea,

30th May 1875.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the "Alert" and "Discovery" arrived off the Lizard this evening, from whence I have dispatched H.M.S. "Valorous" to Queenstown, ordering her to leave on Tuesday evening, and to rejoin me off Bantry Bay on Wednesday next.

2. As we passed south of the Eddystone, Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel visited each ship.

3. Should the present fine weather continue I shall anchor in Bantry Bay for Tuesday night, continuing my voyage on Wednesday morning.

4. All is well on board.

I have, &amp;c.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

(Signed) G. S. NARES, Captain.