

boats, accompanied by the adventurous yacht, went round, and for some little distance beyond, Point Barrow, together, when, agreeable to instructions, two whale-boats, being fully provisioned and equipped for separate service, proceeded on the search towards Mackenzie River,—it being purposed, should that position be happily attained, of which there was every prospect, that the men should ascend the river to Fort Hope, and return by York Factory, in Hudson Bay, in the summer of 1850.

The Herald, meanwhile, advanced northward, along the edge of the pack, until finally stopped by ice, July 28th, in latitude $72^{\circ} 51' N.$ and longitude $163^{\circ} 48' W.$ From that period until near the end of September, this ship was engaged in active explorations of the region intermediate betwixt the impenetrable Arctic ices, and the American coast, discovering and landing on an island in $71^{\circ} 20' N.$, longitude, $175^{\circ} 16' W.$ besides discovering other lands inaccessible by reason of ice. But no traces of, or information concerning, the Franklin Expedition, were anywhere met with.

On returning to Cape Lisburne, the appointed rendezvous, the two larger boats which had set out with Lieut. Pullen's expedition, were met with, along with the yacht. Having equipped the Plover, which was to winter in Kotzebue Sound, and made some final researches, the Herald left the Sound for the southward on the 29th of September, and passing Behring Strait, on the 2nd of October, reached Mazatlan, from whence her despatches are dated, on the 14th of November last.