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ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 6 April 1852;—for,

A COPY “of any further CORRESPONDENCE which has been transmitted to the Admiralty between Admiral Sir *John Ross* and the Danish Inspector-General, touching the Fate of the Expedition under Sir *John Franklin*.”

(*Captain Jones*.)

Admiralty, }
18 May 1852. }

J. H. HAY,
Chief Clerk.

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— No. 1. —

My very dear and revered Sir,

Copenhagen, 13 Jan. 1852.

Your exceedingly kind and friendly letter I received at my father's house, Montebello, on the 9th inst.

With deep regret I read that you have suffered from a severe illness, but who the deuce can be well in such weather as we have had these six weeks past? As you were already so much better, I sincerely trust that you, with the blessing of God, will be wholly recovered by this time, and I hope this will find you in London hearty as usual.

You may depend upon it I lost no time in executing the first commission I received from you—for me, always a command—and I pray to God it may not be the last you give me. I immediately ordered horses, and in a few hours found myself domesticated in one of the hotels here. I have been very successful indeed, having met with great cordiality from the members of the Royal Danish Mission, with whom I immediately put myself in communication.

I have the satisfaction to inform you that in the course of a few weeks I shall be enabled to send you several copies of every book we possess in the Greenland language, and likewise that I have entered into an agreement with Mr. Wandahl, lector of the university in Greenlandish, and formerly minister in Greenland, and trust to be able to send you the translation at the same time as the books. Mr. Wandahl promises to do his best, and I am very happy to have secured such a valuable assistance as his.

At Godhavn, where I arrived on the Saturday as you had left on Wednesday, I saw and spoke to Adam Beck. He persisted in the truth of his assertion, and I am myself of the opinion that Sir John Franklin must have been lost on his return. I am therefore most decidedly of your opinion that any attempt in further exploring Wellington Channel will utterly fail in discovering anything relating to the unfortunate expedition. With this expedition I, like yourself, would have nothing to do; but are you sent out, and you really would give me a command under you, say the word, and I am yours, heart and hands, soul and body. Proud, very proud indeed, will I be if allowed to follow such a leader, even if that leader were not the hero of my youthful and mature fancy.

My seamanship, I trust, will stand its test in any part of the globe, and believe me, my dear Sir, never had you a more devoted and attached follower than I will be, if you allow me. My life has, like your own, been one of adventures;