

# OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

"Full of the deepest interest, both scientific and human."—*Bengal Harkara*, Nov 9, 1858.

"Sir John Franklin and his 135 companions have deserved sufficiently well of their country to be entitled to a tomb-stone at her hands, and a brief record of their fate upon that stone—a longer record elsewhere. They clung to her cause, and to their duty, till death itself,—and it was a death of horrors; and she should not abandon their remains unseparated, or she merits never more to be served with the like devotedness while the world endures. . . . Is it possible to refuse a hearing to a sensible and earnest man, who has such a cause to plead, and such a story to tell? The case made out by Mr. Brown is, in our opinion, specious; probably truthlike."—Second notice.—*Bengal Harkara*, Jan. 8, 1859.

"Mr. Brown has long and deservedly been an authority on all subjects relating to Arctic discovery; and therefore, whatever opinions he might advance relating to the unhappy fate of poor Franklin and his gallant companions, would assuredly obtain both respect and consideration; but a careful perusal of his 'Review,' entitles him to much more than this, inasmuch as he has conclusively shown, at least to our mind, that his theory is right. . . . At first we were disposed to dispute his notions, and to disagree with his theory; but as we weighed the calm and deliberate evidence he offers, and compared his views with the details already before the public, we became convinced that his opinion is right."—*Bell's Weekly Messenger*, April 16, 1859.

"A well-intentioned review of the various Expeditions which have been despatched in search of the ever-to-be-regretted Sir John Franklin. If anything could induce us to cling to a hope, where no substantial ground for hope exists, it would be this excellent volume, which is written in a calm and argumentative style. . . . Our author will carry universal sympathy with him."—*Constitutional Press*, May, 1859.

"Mr. John Brown, a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, and author of a very clear and able book on 'Plans for the Search for Sir John Franklin: a Review,' published in London, in 1858, was wonderfully correct in his prognostics. Accompanying his book is the best map (by Arrowsmith) that we have of the Arctic Regions. On this map he (Mr. Brown) traces the route which he supposes Franklin took. He runs his line through an unknown Strait, which McClintock has since ascertained does exist, and goes directly to the very spot where the 'Record' tells us the ships were abandoned. . . . Franklin was ordered to make from Cape Walker a south-west course, as near as he could, for Behring's Straits; and Mr. Brown strongly insists that Franklin would rigidly adhere to his orders, and that he would be found in that unknown area south-west of Cape Walker, then unexplored. McClintock has proved him to have been correct."—*New York Journal of Commerce*, Nov. 5, 1859, with Map.

"This work, published towards the end of the year 1858, does not appear to have received the attention it deserves. It contains an elaborate and trustworthy account of all the Expeditions which have sailed from England in search of Franklin. . . . A map is prefixed to the work, in which a line is conjecturally drawn, indicating the opinion of the author as to the probable course and position of the ships. It is but just to Mr. Brown to say that the wisdom of his conjecture has been remarkably verified by McClintock's discoveries; and the spot indicated in the map coincides most curiously with that in which it has since been ascertained that the *Erabus* and *Terror* were abandoned; and that the whole book, read in the light of the recent revelations, furnishes a most creditable proof of the judgment and foresight of its author."—*London Quarterly Review*, No. xxvii., April—July, 1860.

"For a résumé of all the plans of research, and the speculations of seamen and geographers, see the interesting and most useful volume of Mr. John Brown, entitled, 'The North-West Passage, and the Search for Sir John Franklin,' 1858."—See Preface to the "*Voyage of the Fox*," by Sir R. I. Murchison, late President of the Royal Geographical Society.

"In his volume, before cited, Mr. John Brown gave strong reasons (which he had held for some time) for believing in the existence of the very channel which now bears the name of McClintock."—See Preface to the "*Voyage of the Fox*," by Sir R. I. Murchison, late President of the Royal Geographical Society.