

Her Majesty's ships "Alert" and "Discovery," which have been brought home by you from the Carey Islands, and delivered at the Admiralty on the 16th instant, by Lieutenant Lillingston.

2. Their Lordship's desire me to convey to you the expression of their thanks for the service you have performed in discovering and conveying to this country the record in question.

Allen Young, Esq.
Arctic Yacht "Pandora," Portsmouth.

I am, &c.
ROBERT HALL.

No. 15.

THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY TO MR. ALLEN YOUNG.

SIR,

Admiralty, 15th December 1875.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that they have been informed by Captain Nares (in command of the Arctic Expedition) of his intention to give orders for a travelling party to proceed from H.M.S. "Discovery" to visit the entrance of Smith's Sound in the spring of 1876, and perhaps again in the autumn of the same year.

2. My Lords have under consideration the desirability of communicating during the summer of that year with such places as would be the most likely to be reached by the intended travelling party, such as Cape Isabella, Lyttelton Island, Cape Sabine, and Cape Prescott; and having reason to believe that you intend to visit the Polar regions next season in the yacht "Pandora," they would feel much obliged if you would assist them by being the means of making such communication, carrying with you despatches to be deposited if possible at one of the places named, or otherwise at some spot where they would be likely to be found by the travelling party, and bringing home or entrusting to the governor of one of the Danish settlements, or to the captain of some whaling ship, any letters from, or records of, the Expedition which you might find.

3. Any expense which you might incur in your endeavours to comply with their Lordship's request, would be willingly borne by them to the extent of 8,000*l*.

4. Should you receive their Lordships' proposal favourably, they would feel themselves under a greater obligation to you than that under which you have already placed them by bringing home the letters, &c. left by Captain Nares at the Carey Islands on his outward voyage; which documents would not have reached them had it not been for the energy, perseverance, and public spirit which you displayed.

I am, &c.

Allen Young, Esq.

VERNON LUSHINGTON.

No. 16.

MR. ALLEN YOUNG TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

1, St. James Street, S.W.

SIR,

17th December 1875.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, and I beg that you will be so good as to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I fully appreciate the proposal made to me in so handsome a manner, and that I will readily accept it with the desire to do my best for the public service, and to carry out the objects in view under all the intricate circumstances connected with the undertaking.

I have also the honour of requesting you to express to their Lordships my deep sense of gratitude for the extremely flattering manner in which they have alluded to my late endeavours to bring home the Arctic despatches from the Carey Islands.

I am, &c.

Vernon Lushington, Esq., Admiralty.

ALLEN YOUNG.