

to the *Fox*, having travelled 420 miles and completed the discovery of the coast-line of Continental Antarctica and added 120 miles to the charts.

On the 2nd of April the sledges were again started for work, Captain McClintock and Lieutenant Hobson, second in command, travelling together as far as Cape Victoria. Here they separated, bent upon the exploration of King William Island by different routes, Hobson making for Cape Felix, and McClintock following a more southerly course. Important discoveries were made by both, though the more important to the lot of the Lieutenant, to whom, it is said, McClintock generously conceded the more likely chance with a view to aiding his promotion. Having passed Cape Herschel about twelve miles, McClintock found a cairn which had been erected by Lieutenant Hobson at a point at which their paths intersected, and which contained the welcome news that the object of the expedition had been accomplished; for he had also covered a written record bearing the signatures of the dead hands of more than one of the missing explorers.

This document tells its own story. It is one of the ordinary printed forms used for such purposes, and containing directions printed in six languages instructing the finder to forward it to the Admiralty, London, or to the nearest British Consul. The original entry is as follows:

"28 of May, 1847.—H.M. ships *Erebus* and *Terranova* wintered in the ice in lat. 70° 05' N. and lon. 23' W., having wintered in 1846-7 at Beechey