

No. 3.  
 Proceedings of an  
 Expedition by the  
 way of Behring's  
 Strait.

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2. I enclose for their Lordships' information, copies of the letters I have received from Captain Collinson and Commander M'Clure, detailing their proceedings up to their arrival at the Sandwich Islands; and I also forward the returns of state, and condition, and remains of provisions on board both ships.

3. The "Enterprise" arrived at Honolulu, June 25th, and sailed June 30th, and the "Investigator" arrived July 1st, and sailed July 4th. The assistance rendered by commander Aldham, and the ship's company of the "Swift," in embarking provisions, water, and other stores, enabled the commanding officers of both vessels to grant their crews a short leave of absence; and commander Aldham informs me, that all on board proceeded on their voyage in the best spirits, and were anxious to commence their arduous undertaking.

4. The despatches which were conveyed to the Sandwich Islands by the "Swift," were of course delivered to Captain Collinson, and although the "Cockatrice" did not reach Honolulu until three days after the "Enterprise" had sailed, I am happy to add, the despatches which she conveyed were delivered to the charge of Commander M'Clure on the 3d July.

I have, &c.  
 (signed) *P. Hornby*,  
 Rear-Admiral and Commander-in-Chief.

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Enclosure 1 to No. 3 (E.)

Her Majesty's Ship "Enterprise,"  
 Oahee, 29 June 1850.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, that Her Majesty's ship under my command reached this place on the 25th instant, after a passage of 65 days, from the Straits of Magellan.

The severity of the weather after entering the Pacific, prevented any communication with the "Gorgon;" I have therefore had no previous opportunity of reporting that I had taken the liberty of removing a boatswain's mate from that vessel into the "Investigator," as acting boatswain; the boatswain of that ship having been left behind at Plymouth.

The necessity of making the best of my way to Behring's Straits without the least delay, induced me also to take from her all the provisions she could spare, and steer at once for these islands, instead of resorting to Valparaiso.

While in the Straits of Magellan, the Governor of the Chilian settlement, on my urgent application, supplied the ships with four bullocks; the necessity of the case he begged might be represented to his government, as by his instructions he is forbidden to kill any of the cattle.

The "Investigator" not having arrived, and the season being so far advanced, I have determined to proceed alone, leaving orders for Commander M'Clure to follow with the utmost dispatch; and that if he is prevented by the severity of the weather from following me into the pack, he is to cruise along the edge, so long as the season will permit; and then having deposited, under the charge of the "Plover," all the provisions she can take care of, he is to proceed to Valparaiso to replenish, returning to the Straits by the month of June.

I am much indebted to Commander Aldham for the cordial assistance he has afforded in completing our supplies; and should the "Investigator" arrive on the 1st, I have taken the liberty of desiring him to remain a day or two, so as to expedite her.

I have, &c.  
 (signed) *Richard Collinson*, Captain.

To Rear-Admiral Hornby, C.B.  
 Commander-in-Chief, &c. &c. &c.

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Enclosure 2 to No. 3 (E.)

Her Majesty's Discovery Ship "Investigator,"  
 Woahoo, 1 July 1850.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you with my arrival at this place, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and to state that at

3 p. m.