

Had the expedition become checked in its earlier career, Sir James Ross proceeding up Davis' Straits might expect to fall in with the party. Were it stopped between the eastern and western channels leading to the Polar Sea, some of Franklin's people in that case would probably be despatched to the northern continent of America; it was necessary, therefore, to send an expedition thither; this was undertaken by Sir John Richardson. A third locality remained, which it would have been imprudent to neglect. Conjecturing the entrance and medium passage to the westward to have been accomplished, exit had yet to be made by a region little visited, of which the great opening from the North Pacific into the Arctic Ocean, known as Belring's Strait, claimed paramount attention.

For the last-named quarter H. M. S. "Plover," under Commander T. E. L. Moore (an officer peculiarly fitted for this charge by his previous experience in Arctic and Antarctic travel), set sail from Plymouth on the 30th January, 1848.

I do not desire to enter here upon a recital of either the fitting out or our voyage through regions interesting indeed, but already well known. Suffice it to say that after touching at Madeira and the Falklands, rounding Cape Horn and visiting Callao, we arrived at Honolulu, the capital of Woahu,