

2 CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

COPY of a DESPATCH from Mr. *Crampton*, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at *Washington*, to Viscount *Palmerston*.

Washington, 14 May 1849.
(Received May 28.)

My Lord,

THE Secretary of State of the United States has informed me that the President has given orders that two vessels of war be immediately got ready to proceed, the one by Bhering's Straits, and the other by Davis's Straits, in search of the Expedition under Sir John Franklin, with regard to the fate of which so much anxiety is felt by the friends of science in all countries, and for whose intrepid commander great admiration and sympathy are entertained in the United States.

This order of the President seems to have met with the universal approbation of the country.

I did not fail to express to Mr. Clayton my conviction that the feelings of enlarged generosity and humanity which have prompted this measure will be most warmly appreciated by Her Majesty's Government, and by the whole British nation.

I have, &c.
(signed) *John F. Crampton*.
