

Point, Cape Crawford, lat. 74 deg., long. 80 deg.; Cape Hay, lat. 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg., long. 80 deg.; Possession Bay, Pond's Bay, and Agnes' Monument.

If on the arrival of the "Investigator" at Port Leopold you should find the "Enterprise" had not been there, you are to despatch the steam launch along the coast to the westward in search of a commodious harbour for the ship, and should one be found at a distance not exceeding 70 miles, you are at once to remove the "Investigator" to it, and secure her for the winter, taking care to leave on Whaler Point precise information of your position; you are also to leave, well protected from the weather, three months' provisions for 130 men, your steam launch, masts, sails, &c., for the use of the absent party, should they arrive there after you shall have left the port, as well as full directions for their guidance.

Should the "Enterprise" arrive after you shall have removed the "Investigator" to her winter quarters, I will leave further instructions for you at Whaler Point, in case of not being able to gain the harbour in which you may intend to pass the winter, and will send as early information of the position of the "Enterprise" as circumstances will admit. You will, therefore, occasionally send to Whaler Point from your winter quarters, and in the spring, before the ice breaks up, detach a small party to the south point of Lowther Island, and to Cape Cockburn (on Bathurst Island), so as to arrive at those places on the 1st and 8th of May respectively, to meet any party I may send from the "Enterprise" for that purpose, waiting a few days at each place, and leaving a notice of the party having been there.

The measures pointed out to me in the instructions I received from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, of which you have a copy, are to be diligently followed up in the spring; and so soon as the season may admit you will either dispatch your steam launch (which you will have left at Port Leopold, and therefore in a more convenient position for the purpose), or proceed in the "Investigator" to the west coast of Baffin's Bay, to communicate with the whale ships, leaving on all occasions notices of your proceedings and intentions on Whaler Point, Cape York, Cape Crawford, Cape Hay, Possession Bay, Pond's Bay, and Agnes' Monument; and also at the same points on your return again to Port Leopold, where you will await the arrival of the "Enterprise," and be guided by any instructions I may have left at Whaler Point during your absence.

But in the event of not meeting the "Enterprise," or receiving any further instructions from me, you must be guided by circumstances, and any information you may obtain from the whale ships, or orders you may receive from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in your future proceedings, fulfilling so far as may be in your power their Lordships' directions, as expressed in their orders to me.

Should no tidings have reached England of the safety of the absent party, you are to leave on Whaler Point all the provisions, fuel, and stores you can spare, the launch, machinery, and one cutter; and after waiting as long as you prudently may, examining the coast by means of detached parties and boats, you are to return to England, as it would not be possible for you to feed so large a party as that we are in search of throughout the winter.

Should they reach that place after you shall have left it, the "Enterprise" would have returned from the westward, and finding the provisions and stores, would remain at Port Leopold during the second winter to receive the party on board, should they arrive during its continuance or in the following spring; after which time, as no expectation could be entertained of their ever being able to reach that place, and as we should not have sufficient provision left for them if they did, the "Enterprise" would return to England, unless I should receive by the whale ships any orders from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that might render other measures necessary.

In all cases where you leave any notice for the guidance of the absent expedition, you are to include a copy of this memorandum, which will inform Sir John Franklin of all our proceedings and intentions, and enable him the more certainly to decide upon the most desirable measure to adopt for the safety of his people.

Given under my hand, on board Her Majesty's ship "Enterprise," at Uppernawick, this 12th July 1848.

(signed) *James C. Ross.*

To Edward Joseph Bird, Esq.
Captain of Her Majesty's Ship "Investigator."