

The SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY to CAPTAIN AUSTIN.

Sir,

22d October 1851.

I am commanded to acquaint you, by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that they have appointed a Committee to inquire into the conduct and result of the late Arctic expeditions.

My Lords are aware that on your first arrival you expressed your anxious desire to the First Lord to submit your conduct to the most searching investigation, and to meet the imputations circulated against you. Their Lordships are glad that this inquiry will give you an opportunity.

(Signed) JOHN PARKER.

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The SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY to Mr. PENNY.

Sir,

22d October 1851

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, that they have appointed a Committee to inquire into the conduct and results of the late Arctic expeditions; and I am to state to you that you will have an opportunity of proving any of the allegations contained in your letter of the 10th October, and of giving any explanation of your own conduct.

(Signed) JOHN PARKER.

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