

directed their attention to another, and, I should say, not a less important, quarter. In the spring of 1849 they addressed themselves to the whalers, and explained to these adventurous and hardy voyagers, the different means through which, in the pursuit of their noble prey, they might assist in rendering signal service to the cause of Sir John Franklin. Their ardent expectations received a check on the return of the whalers in the autumn of that year, from the contradictory and, apparently, fallacious reports brought by some of them from the presumed scene of Franklin's labours. But they were not altogether disappointed; for attempts were made to communicate with Sir James Clark Ross's expedition; and although these were but attempts, still, such was the estimation in which they were held by the Admiralty, that the ships most prominently engaged in them received, as a reward, upwards of 400*l.* of the public money. The "Advice" of Dundee, under the command of Mr. William Penny of Aberdeen, received, I believe, the largest share of that reward; nor did she perform the smallest share of the duty giving a title to it. An interesting account of her voyage was published soon after her return, by her medical officer, R. A. Goodsir, Esq., who accompanied Captain Penny, with the

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