

Enclosure No. 2.

SIR,

H.M.S. "Valorous," at Ritenbenks, 21st July 1875.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that I have taken on board about 100 tons of coal from the seam at Ritenbenks Kulbrud, in three days, having been delayed for some hours yesterday by the heavy swell on the beach, caused by a south-westerly breeze.

I take this opportunity of tendering you my thanks on behalf of Her Majesty's Government for your unvarying courtesy and attention during our stay in this country, in attendance on H.M.S. "Alert" and "Discovery"; I must also thank you for the trouble you took in coming in this ship all the way from Ritenbenk (Agpat) to this place on Saturday last, to show me the best coal seam, and advise me as to the state of the ice and anchorage.

Trusting that you got safe back to Ritenbenk.

Mr. Smith,
Danish Government Inspector,
North Greenland.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LOFTUS F. JONES,
Captain.

No. 12.

The SECRETARY of the ADMIRALTY to the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF at DEVONPORT.

SIR,

Admiralty, 8th September 1875.

WITH reference to your communication No. 1,606 of the 29th ultimo, forwarding the report of the proceedings of the "Valorous" whilst employed with the "Arctic Expedition," and on the voyage home to this country from Disco, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to signify their direction to you to convey to Captain Loftus Jones of that ship an expression of their approval of the very satisfactory manner in which all the services entrusted to him have been carried out, observing that they fully appreciate the intricate nature of the navigation, and the difficulties encountered in consequence of the quantity of ice which he fell in with.

2. I am further to remark that their Lordships exonerate Captain Jones and the officers of the "Valorous" from all blame in respect to the accidental grounding of the ship near Knight Island, and approve of the judicious measures adopted to repair the damage done so as to enable her to proceed on her homeward voyage.

3. My Lords have also received with satisfaction the testimony borne by Captain Nares to the active and cordial manner in which the various services required were rendered by the crew of the "Valorous" to the Arctic ships.

4. In consideration of the special nature of the service on which the "Valorous" has been employed, my Lords are pleased to grant to the officers and crew double pay during the period of the ship's absence.

Admiral the Hon. Sir Henry Keppel, G.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Devonport.

I am, &c.
VERNON LUSHINGTON.

No. 13.

TELEGRAM from Mr. ALLEN YOUNG, Yacht "PANDORA," at Spithead, 16th October 1875.

ARRIVED this morning, bringing home record and private letters from "Alert" and "Discovery," dated Carey Islands, 27th July.

Captain Nares states season a very open one, and every prospect of reaching a high latitude.

An officer will be sent to London with the record to-night.

No. 14.

The SECRETARY of the ADMIRALTY to Mr. ALLEN YOUNG.

SIR,

Admiralty, 18th Oct. 1875.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that they have received with very great satisfaction the record of the proceedings of