

No. 10.

Proceedings of the  
Expedition under  
the Orders of Capt.  
H. T. Austin, c. B.

9. In crossing Melville Bay, we fell in with Sir John Ross and Captain Forsyth's expeditions; these, Captain Austin has assisted, by towing them towards their destination; the latter proceeded with him, and the former has remained with us.

10. Having placed Sir John Ross in the fair way of reaching Lancaster Sound, with a fair wind and open water, his vessel has been cast off in this position; I shall therefore proceed with all despatch to the examination of the north shores of Lancaster Sound and Wellington Channel, according to Captain Austin's directions.

I have, &c.  
(signed) *Erasmus Ommaney*, Captain,

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Enclosure to No. 10 (G.)

*Erasmus Ommaney*, Captain, Her Majesty's Ship "Assistance,"  
17 August 1850.

North Star Bay, Wolstenholme Sound,  
(Latitude 76° 34' N.; Longitude 69° 30' W.)  
15 April 1850.

THIS paper is placed here to certify that Her Majesty's ship "North Star" was beset at the east side of Melville Bay, on the 29th July last year, and gradually drifted from day to day, until, on the 26th September, we found ourselves abreast of Wolstenholme Island, when, perceiving the ice a little more loose, and the sound perfectly clear, we made all plain sail and pressed her through it, anchoring in the lower part of the sound that evening, and arrived in this bay on the 1st October, where she remained throughout the winter. It is my intention to leave as soon as the breaking up of the ice will permit, and prosecute my voyage in search of the Arctic ships.

(signed) *J. Saunders*,  
Master and Commander.

Died on Board "North Star."

William Sharp, A. B., 1st November 1849.  
William Brisley, B. M., 30th January 1850.  
Richard Baker, A. B., 7th April 1850.  
George Deverell, A. B., 17th May 1850.

This beacon was erected, and canister deposited, on the 3d July 1850.

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Letter from Rear-Admiral Tayler, c. B., to Captain Hamilton, R. N.

COPY of a LETTER from Rear-Admiral *Tayler*, c. B. to Captain *Hamilton*, R. N., Secretary of the Admiralty, proposing a combined Land and Water Expedition to examine all the Fiords in *Barrow Straits* and *Banks Land*.

14, Great George-street, Westminster,  
4 January 1851.

Sir,

As everything connected with the Arctic regions and the Esquimaux must be interesting, however trifling, as links to connect the chain of information already obtained relative to Sir John Franklin and his brave crew, I send you, for the information of my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a few remarks made in North Greenland by my son, who sailed from Copenhagen the 8th May 1850, in the schooner "Fortuna," to examine the mineral productions of Greenland, where they arrived the 12th June.

He returned to London the 27th October, with the Danish Governor of Greenland, Captain Holbolt, R. D. N. The first place my son visited was Skinderwalden, where the schooner was detained three weeks, by contrary wind, in a small harbour called Dutchman's Harbour; from thence they proceeded to Omenak, in latitude 70 deg. 40 min. N. Off this fiord Captain Ross's squadron

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