

4 CORRESPONDENCE, &c. RESPECTING ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS.

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Expedition to Lan-
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Barrow's Straits.

ward whenever it shall once break up, and I have still no doubt of eventually getting round the north end it, and of reaching Lancaster Sound before the "Erebus" and "Terror" shall have been able to leave their winter quarters, or their crews to have reached that Sound if compelled to take to their boats.

I enclose a copy of the instructions I have given to Captain Bird, in case of unavoidable separation.

I have the satisfaction to add, that the officers and crews of both ships continue to enjoy perfect health.

I have, &c.
(signed) J. C. Ross,
Captain.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

— No. 7. —

By Sir James Clarke Ross, Knt. D. C. L., F. R. S., &c. &c., Captain of Her Majesty's Ship "Enterprise," and Senior Officer present.

MEMORANDUM.

In case of the ships unavoidably separating after leaving Uppernawick, the following information of my intentions, and instructions for your guidance, will probably facilitate their rejoining, at some one or other of the rendezvous appointed in this memorandum.

I intend to proceed to the northward along the coast, between it and the main pack; to stand to the westward as soon as we shall have rounded its northern extremity, or perceive encouraging inducement to push through it; to make the west land in about 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg. (Pond's Bay), where we will probably receive from the Esquimaux information of any ships or boats that may have passed from the northward.

In the event of not meeting with natives at Pond's Bay, I should leave a notice of my having been there, on Cape Graham Moore; and then, if not later than the 5th August, proceed to the southward if necessary, as far as Clyde River, in order to communicate with the tribe that is always to be met with at that place. At this point it is probable we should meet with some of the whale ships which are endeavouring to cross to the west coast in a lower latitude, and from them learn if they have any tidings of the expedition of which we are in search. I would here await the arrival of the "Investigator" until the 15th August, and leave a notice on the west point of Agnes' Monument, in lat. 70 deg. 57 min. north, long. 67 deg. 30 min. west, of my future intentions; and again at Cape Graham Moore, if circumstances admit, on my way to Possession Bay, where I would leave another similar notice, in a pile of stones on the beach on the north side of the stream that falls into the bay.

After entering Lancaster Sound, the "Enterprise" will closely examine its south shore, as well as that of Barrow Strait, heaving-to in foggy weather, firing guns frequently, and burning blue lights and rockets at night, to prevent boats passing in the night, or during fog; and will leave notices of our operations at Cape Hay, Cape Crawford, and Cape York.

The "Investigator" is to cross over to the north shore, carefully examining every part of it, and also to search very diligently for any notice that may have been left by Sir John Franklin for our information and guidance, and leaving on the more conspicuous points of it, named "Cape Warrender" and "Apparel Island," a copy of this memorandum, and anything further you may think desirable to direct the absent party how to proceed to find our ships.

If the "Enterprise" should fall in with Sir John Franklin, we would immediately stand over to the north shore of Lancaster Sound, in search of the "Investigator;" but not meeting her, would repair to Port Leopold, in lat. 73 deg. 50 min. north, long. 90 deg. 12 min. west, and there await her arrival. In like manner, if in the "Investigator" you should meet with them, you are to stand over to the south shore of the Sound in search of the "Enterprise," and, eventually, to Port Leopold, until she shall arrive there.

But in the event of circumstances not admitting the ships reaching Port Leopold at all, or of that one only reaching it which may have the absent party on board, she is not to remain there so long as to hazard being frozen in for another winter, but to bear away in good time for England, leaving a notice at Whaler Point,