

obedient; and I further certify that he had charge of a watch during the above period.

Given under my hand on board H.M. sloop "Favourite," Hamoaze (Devonport Dock), this 20th June 1843.

THOMAS R. SULLIVAN,
Commander.

FROM SIR WILLIAM DICKSON.

This is to certify that Lieutenant John Irving has served on board H.M. ship "Volage" under my command from the 30th of August 1843 to the date hereof, during the whole of which period he complied with the general printed instructions; and I further certify that his conduct during the whole time has merited my approbation, and I consider him a steady and good officer.

Given under my hand on board H.M.S. "Volage," Cove of Cork, 31st December 1844.

WM. DICKSON,
Captain.

LIEUTENANT IRVING TO RIGHT HON. SIR G. CLERK.

H.M.S. "EXCELLENT,"
2d March 1845.

MY DEAR SIR GEORGE,—I am very desirous of being appointed to one of the ships now fitting for the Polar Expedition, and shall feel much obliged if you can in any way forward my views.—Yours truly,

JOHN IRVING.

Sir GEORGE CLERK, Bart.