

No. 3.

Commander INGLEFIELD to Lieutenant ELLIOTT.

Her Majesty's Steam Sloop "Phoenix,"
at Woolwich, the 14th May 1853.

Sir,

THE "Diligence" transport having been ordered by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be supplied to Her Majesty's steam vessel under my command as her tender; and having appointed certain officers and men belonging to this ship, as per margin, to serve on board that vessel; it is my direction that you proceed on board and take charge of her as lieutenant commanding; and I have further to direct that you will consider that vessel, her officers and crew, in no other light but as a part of this ship, receiving your stores and provisions from her, and accounting for them to the proper officers as though they had been supplied to one of the boats of this vessel sent on detached service.

Mr. J. F. M'Donnell,
Mate;
Mr. Jno. R. Holman,
Assistant-Surgeon;
Mr. Noel Osborn,
Midshipman; and
Twenty-one seamen.

As it is most important, for many reasons, that the ships of the expedition should not part company during the passage from England to the Arctic Seas, I enclose a code of general day, night, and fog signals (independent of those usually supplied) by which the motions of the tender and transport will be guided; and I desire that you will distinctly understand that should any accident occur from neglect of the officer of the watch or others in not paying immediate attention to such signals as may be made from this vessel, you will be held responsible.

You are to report to me every morning by signal the number of your sick, and at noon, or soon after, your position by meridional altitude and chronometer, and at all times be prepared to act in concert with this vessel in making such observations for survey as circumstances will admit.

You are to cause a log to be kept and a journal of all your proceedings, forwarding the same to me on your return to this vessel. Certain meteorological instruments have been supplied from this ship, you will, therefore, direct the assistant surgeon to make careful register of the same.

You will consider your station at sea about one mile on the starboard quarter of this ship, but should stress of weather or other unforeseen circumstances be the cause of the vessels of the expedition parting company, you will consider the Greenland Port of Holsteinbourg as the first rendezvous, and should strong southerly gales (which are not unusual at this time of year) prevail on entering Davis Straits, you will not delay by endeavouring to make that port, but proceed at once to Godhaven, or Licely in Disco, there to await further orders from me.

I enclose a letter from the Danish ambassador in London, addressed to the authorities in Greenland, which you will present on your arrival at any of the Danish settlements, and which will ensure such assistance as you may require from them.

I am, &c.

E. A. INGLEFIELD,
Commander of the Expedition.

No. 4.

Commander INGLEFIELD to Mr. FAWCKNER, Government Agent on board the
"Breadalbane" Transport.Her Majesty's Steam Sloop "Phoenix,"
at Woolwich, the 14th May 1853.

Sir,

HEREWITH I enclose a copy of Admiralty Regulations for the guidance of agents of transports, and the charter party of the "Breadalbane," and I have to direct that you will pay especial attention to those clauses in the former relative to keeping an independent reckoning from the master of the vessel. As it is most important for many reasons that the vessels of the expedition should not part company on their passage from England to the Arctic Seas, it is my positive direction that you impress upon the master of the "Breadalbane," the importance of this measure, and for the more convenient conveyance of sailing directions to the vessels of the expedition, I enclose a code of general day, night, and fog signals, which will be used by this ship, independent of Marryat's Signals with which the transport is provided.

You will consider your station at sea about one mile on the port quarter of this ship, but should stress of weather or other unforeseen circumstances be the cause of the vessels of the expedition parting company, you are to consider the