

ABSTRACT OF WEIGHTS.

Standing weights	-	-	-	-	-	598 pounds.
Thirty-four days provisions, including packages	-	-	-	-	-	911
Nine days' depôt,	-	-	ditto	-	ditto	262
Six days' depôt,	-	-	ditto	-	ditto	185
Total						1,956 pounds.

For each man 245 pounds leaving Point Nias.

E. F. DE BRAY,
Enseigne de Vaisseau.

No. 3.

JOURNAL of the PROCEEDINGS of Her Majesty's Sledge "DISCOVERY," detached from H.M.S. "RESOLUTE," between 21st Sept. and 14th Oct. 1852, under the Command of G. F. MECHAM, Lieutenant.

Journal of
Lieutenant Mecham.

ORDERS to Lieutenant G. F. MECHAM, of H.M.S. "Resolute."

By Henry Kellett, Esquire, C.B., Captain of H.M.S. "Resolute."

HAVING chosen you for the command of the searching party along the southern coast of Melville Island westerly, and in order to make that search as extended as possible next spring, it is necessary that your depôt now at the east point of Fife Harbour should be advanced as far as practicable this autumn.

I have placed under your orders the sledge "Discovery," manned with 10 men and provisioned for 25 days; also an auxiliary sledge, manned with six men and provisioned for 25 days, under the command of Mr. G. S. Nares, mate, who has directions to follow your orders.

The equipments of the sledges have been under your directions, which I feel will be complete from your former experience in Arctic travelling.

As soon, therefore, as you are in all respects ready (weather permitting), you will proceed to Winter Harbour, pick up your depôt and cross the land to Liddon Gulf; deposit it there or as much further in advance as the season will admit, being most careful that your depôt is well secured.

You will bear in mind that the winter is fast approaching, and that any casualty from extreme exposure now would cripple our exertions next spring. To your former experience and prudence I leave, therefore, the time for your return, being assured that I shall be satisfied your zeal will have taken you as far as prudence will admit.

You will deposit at your most advanced position one of the printed papers with which you are supplied, as well as at any prominent point of your journey. You will also place on the record stone at Winter Harbour a cylinder containing a record of the movements of the Arctic expedition. You will examine all cairns you may see during your journey, and endorse with your signature any documents found therein, noting the date, &c. at the same time.

You will keep a journal of your proceedings, to be forwarded to me on your return.

Lieutenants Pim and Hamilton, with their auxiliary, Mr. De Bray, will leave at the same time with you, and you will keep company with them so far as Winter Harbour for mutual support, unless indeed you find, from your greater strength, you can outstrip them and keeping company would impede your progress.

You will on your return report on the efficiency of your equipment; whether anything can be added to it next spring, as well as whether the ten men sledge is an improvement on the sledges of last expedition, whether their strength is equal to the increased weight they have to carry, and whether the few days more provisions they carry guarantees the increased number of men.

It now only remains for me to commend you and those under your command to the Providence of God for your health and success.

Given under my hand on board H.M.S. "Resolute," Winter Quarters, Dealy Island, the 20th September 1852.

(Signed) H. KELLETT, Captain.