

the reward, and my earnest request that it may be delayed till such time as the result of the last expedition be known.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JANE FRANKLIN.

No. 17.

Mr. Lumley to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received June 23.)

My Lord,

Washington, June 10, 1856.

ON the 23rd ultimo Mr. Crampton addressed to Messrs. Perkins and Smith a letter, copy of which I have the honour to inclose.

No answer has been received at Her Majesty's Legation to this communication; but it would appear, from the inclosed extract from a New London paper, copied into the "New York Herald" of this morning, that the wishes of Her Majesty's Government with respect to the relinquishment of the barque "Resolute" have been carried into effect, to the satisfaction of all parties who were instrumental in saving that vessel.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. SAVILE LUMLEY.

Inclosure 1 in No. 17.

Mr. Crampton to Messrs. Perkins & Smith.

Gentlemen,

Washington, May 20, 1856.

IN reply to your letter of the 8th instant, I have to inform you that the Lords of the Admiralty, in waiving the right of Her Majesty to the barque "Resolute," are desirous that all parties who, directly or indirectly, were instrumental in saving that vessel, should share in the advantages to be derived from that act.

It is therefore the intention of Her Majesty's Government that the barque "Resolute" should be relinquished to the owners, officers, and crew of the "George Henry," to be appropriated in the manner which may be considered most satisfactory to all parties.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

Inclosure 2 in No. 17.

Extract from the "New York Herald" of June 9, 1856.

WE learn, from Messrs. Perkins and Smith, that the British Government has relinquished all claim to the discovery barque "Resolute" to the owners of the "George Henry," and the officers and crew of that vessel who were engaged in rescuing and bringing the "Resolute" into port from the Arctic Sea, where she was found derelict. The sails, stores, and articles of every kind have been kept on board, and strictly watched and guarded by a custom-house officer, and by a ship-keeper in the employment of Messrs. P. and S., until notice was received of the determination of the British Government. They are now being removed on shore, and the "Resolute" herself will be hauled into the dock in a few days. The Queen's Government has acted handsomely and magnanimously on this subject, for it might have litigated the rescuer's claim to salvage, and probably realized a considerable sum of money from those interested in her rescue, before the owners of the "George Henry," and the gallant men engaged in bringing her home, could have legally established their claim. With a generosity that does them honour, the British have foregone all considerations but those of manhood and honour, and left the salvors the just reward of their perseverance and their perils. That reward, we hope and trust, will be an ample one.—(From the "New London Chronicle" of June 6.)