

OSBORN, SHERARD—Midshipman

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Admiral Sir Joseph Nias, K.C.B., whose death is announced in our first column as having occurred on Tuesday, at his residence in Montagu-square, was a son of the late Mr. Joseph Nias, by his marriage with Miss Ann Cropper, and was born in London in the year 1794. Having entered the Navy at the usual age, he served as midshipman on board the *Comus* at the siege and defence of Cadix in 1810. He was midshipman and lieutenant in Ross and Parry's first three voyages of discovery in the Polar Regions from 1818 to 1823, and he served as senior lieutenant of the *Asia* at the battle of Navarino, and was subsequently, commander of the *Alacrity*. He was promoted to a captaincy in 1835, and was in command of the *Herald* at the capture of the forts of the Bocca Tigris and all the operations in the Canton River. He was nominated a Companion of the Order of the Bath in 1841, appointed a Rear-Admiral in 1857, and Vice-Admiral in 1863. He became an Admiral on the retired list in 1867, and was promoted to a Knight Commandership of the Order of the Bath in the same year. The gallant Admiral married, in 1855, Isabella, only child of Mr. John Laing, of Montagu-square.

*Narrative of the Discovery of the North West Passage*, (1855). Author of *The Career, Last Voyage, and Fate of Sir John Franklin*, (1860). Read papers urging the renewal of Polar Exploration before the Geographical Society, on January 23rd, 1865, and in January, 1872. Appointed in December, 1874, on a Committee (with Admirals Sir L. McClintock and Richards,) to make preparations for the Arctic Expedition of 1875.

*Sherard Osborn Isle*, off north coast of Bathurst Island.

*Cape Sherard Osborn*, on west coast of Prince of Wales' Land.

*Cape Sherard Osborn*, at south entrance of Lancaster Sound.

*Cape Sherard Osborn*, on Crown Prince Rudolph Land, (Austrian discoveries).

OSBORN, NOEL.—Came out in the *Phoenix*, (Inglefield,) 1853; and was a mate in the *North Star*, 1853-54. Retired Captain, 1873. He died on January 23rd, 1875.

OSMER, CHARLES H.—In the *Blossom*, (Beechey,) 1825-28, and served afterwards on the Canadian Lakes. Purser of the *Erbus*, (Franklin,) 1845-48.

"Merry hearted as any young man, full of prudent dry sayings, always good humoured, always laughing, never a bore." (*Cratichneumon*.)

*Osmer Bay*, on the east coast of Bathurst Island.

in the *Hyacinth*, (Warren,) in Canton in 1841. Gunnery Mate *Collingwood* (Flag of Sir George 44-48. Lieutenant commanding the nd, 1849. Lieutenant commanding in the winter he was joint Editor, *Illustrated Arctic News*. In the , he went to the furthest western Land, away from his ship 58 days, ailes. Commander, 1852; of the ger of the "*Arctic Philharmonic the Pioneer*. In the sledge travel- 117 days, and went over 1093 in the *Vesuvius*, and commanded the Sea. of Azoff. Captain, 1855. f *Honour and Medjidie*. 1857, in 1 all the operations of the second rious up the Yang-tze to Hankow, 1873. F.R.S., F.R.G.S., F.L.S. e Rose of Brazil. Author of "*Stray at*," (1852,) and Editor of *McClure's*