

Notice written on the back of the copy of the record which was left at the upper cairn, Cape Isabella :—

THE CAIRN,
CAPE ISABELLA,
August 6th, 1876.

The "Pandora," Captain Allen Young, arrived off here this morning and examined cairn, removing Captain Nares' record and leaving a copy on the back of this.

The point named will be examined, and should a cask of letters from the Expedition be found, another cask with letters for the Expedition will be put in its place. Should no cask be found, our cask will be put with depôt of provisions, which has already been visited.

The "Pandora" record will be left 20 feet (magnetic) north of the cairn, close to depôt of provisions, and contains full particulars of the voyage.

CHARLES R. ARBUTHNOT,
Lieutenant R.N.

Appended to "Pandora" record before depositing it at the lower cairn, Cape Isabella :—

Having visited the cairn on top of the cape, I have carefully examined this point, but can find no signs of a cask of letters; also, as no record is at this cairn, I conclude that no sledge party has visited this place.

A cask of letters, &c., has been placed with the depôt of provisions; but the Admiralty despatches, with the remainder of the letters, will be carried farther north, if possible. If this is not possible, they will probably be placed on Lyttleton Island.

CHARLES R. ARBUTHNOT,
Lieutenant R.N.

NOTE.—The copies of these two notices were written from memory after returning on board, and may not be exactly the same as the originals left at the cairns; but they are very nearly so.

CHARLES R. ARBUTHNOT,
Lieutenant R.N.

H.M.S. "ALERT," at Jensen Point, Hartstene Bay,
28th July, 1875.

The "Alert" and "Discovery" arrived here this morning. As soon as I have examined the neighbourhood of "Life Boat Cove" I shall cross to the west shore of the strait, and proceed to the northward on that side.

There is now no ice in sight. Wind strong from north. Should this cairn not be visited by a sledge party from the expedition before June, 1876, our despatches will be found near a cairn on Cape Isabella; but if the strait is easily crossed, the sledge will visit this position.

Should any letters for us be brought thus far I request that they may be brought on as far north as the vessel intends to come on the west side of the strait. If the vessel is not to enter the strait, then I request that our letters may be placed in my cairn on Cape Isabella. Should the weather prevent my visiting that position and establishing a cairn, I must ask the Captain of the vessel to build one and deposit our letters 20 feet magnetic north of it, or in such other position as he may decide on, leaving due notice at the cairn.

My intended stations on the west shore of the strait, where cairns may be expected to be found, and which will be regularly visited as long as the expedition remains north of Smith Sound, are Cape Isabella, Island off Cape Sabine, Dobbin Bay, or Cape Leidy, Carl Ritter Bay, and Cape Bellot.

All are well on board. A notice will be left on Sunrise Point. Latitude 78° 20' N, longitude 73° 15' W.

G. S. NARES,
Commanding Expedition.