

Polar Expedition, and understanding from the President and Council of the Royal Society that you are willing to afford your services in such a capacity, they have been pleased to appoint you as naturalist to the expedition, subject to your undergoing a medical examination as to your physical fitness for such service.

The conditions of your appointment as regards pay, provisions, and clothing are to be the same as those of the lieutenants of the expedition, the single pay of a lieutenant, viz., 10s. a day, being paid to you from the date of your appointment, viz., 1st February 1875, and double that amount from the date of the expedition leaving England.

You will while so employed be expected to conform to the customs and usages of Her Majesty's Navy; and I am to request you will be good enough to signify by letter to me your willingness to accept this appointment on the terms herein proposed.

Chichester Hart, Esq. (Signed) I am, &c. VERNON LUSHINGTON.

Similar letter addressed to Captain Feilden, R.A., the concurrence of the War Office having been obtained.

ENGAGEMENT OF MR. PETERSEN AS ESQUIMAUX INTERPRETER.

SECRETARY of ADMIRALTY to MR. PETERSEN.

No. 9.

MR. C. N. PETERSEN, Admiralty, 22nd December 1874.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have had under their consideration your request to be allowed to volunteer for service in the Arctic Expedition of 1875, and their Lordships are pleased to accept your offer (provided you are considered to be physically fit), under the following conditions, viz. :—

1. That you shall be entered on the books of one of Her Majesty's ships with the rating of Esquimaux interpreter for dog sledge duties.

2. That your pay shall be three pounds (3*l.*) a calendar month up to the time of the expedition leaving England, and six pounds (6*l.*) a calendar month from that date to the date of your being paid off.

3. That you shall be granted leave from this date till 1st of April 1875, and that, as your residence is at Copenhagen, your passage from thence to London shall be paid by Her Majesty's Government.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

P.S.—Unless you should hear to the contrary, you are to report yourself on board Her Majesty's ship "Duke of Wellington," at Portsmouth, on the 1st of April next.

STORES SENT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE "POLARIS" EXPEDITION.

SECRETARY of ADMIRALTY to UNDER SECRETARY of STATE for FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

No. 10.

SIR,

Admiralty, 4th December 1874.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will move the Earl of Derby to cause inquiries to be made of the Government of the United States, whether any of the stores or provisions sent out for the relief of the "Polaris" Expedition are still in the depôt on the west coast of Greenland, and if so, whether the Polar Expedition of 1875 may consider them available for use on giving proper receipts.

In the event of the stores at the depôt being placed at the disposal of the expedition, my Lords request that they may be furnished with a list of all such stores, provisions, &c.

The Under Secretary of State, I am, &c.
&c. &c. &c. (Signed) ROBERT HALL.
Foreign Office.