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In proof of this statement I may observe that in the year '45 I published a conjectural chart, enclosed herewith and marked A, showing the position in which I then assumed the existence of a North-west passage. The accuracy of my views in that respect is evidenced by the accompanying reduced copy marked B, of the present Admiralty chart, showing that the passage is situated in the position which I assigned to it, fifteen years since.

Within two years after the departure of the Erebus and Terror under the command of Sir John Franklin, in the year '45, I pointed out to Her Majesty's Government the position in which those ships were then probably ice-bound or lost, the direction of the journey which, in my opinion, the crews would thereupon take, and the only certain and available way of conveying succour to them, by means of a land journey down Great Fish River and through the country, with which I was familiar.

Most unfortunately, as subsequent events proved, my views had no weight with Her