

V.
Further Instructions to Captain Kellett.

And in all other possible contingencies, including the one which we would not contemplate, viz., a lengthened and unlooked-for delay in falling in with the "Plover," we can confidently rely on your ability, skill, and judgment, for such departure from these instructions, or for taking such other steps as may seem to you to be necessary.

You are to take every opportunity of reporting your proceedings, of which you will keep up a circumstantial and full detail, to our Secretary, remarking particularly on the state of the ice to the north and north-east, and, as far as your observations carry you, to the north-west, after arriving at Point Hope, or as it may have been ascertainable in any direction that you may have proceeded; and you are to use your best exertions for the purpose of adding to the geographical acquaintance with the seas to the northward of Kotzebue Sound and about West Georgia, it being possible that there are islands in that neighbourhood with which we are unacquainted.

Given, &c. 16 February 1849.

H. Kellett, Esq., Captain of
Her Majesty's ship "Herald," at Panama.

(signed) *T. D. Dundas.*
A. Milne.

By, &c.
(signed) *W. A. B. Hamilton.*

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Letter from the
Surveyor of the
Navy.

LETTER from the Surveyor of the Navy, recommending the "North Star" as the most suitable Vessel for carrying Provisions.

Admiralty, 14 February 1849.

In compliance with their Lordships' directions of yesterday's date, to report what ship is best adapted for the conveyance of provisions to Baffin's Bay, for the supply of Sir James Ross's expedition, I beg to state that I am of opinion that the "North Star," at Sheerness, would be the best adapted for this service, and that she might be prepared in her hull for about 3,000 *l.*

Should their Lordships approve of this selection, I would propose that she be taken into No. 5 dock, now occupied by the "Meteor," and that 150 shipwrights be hired for the works to be performed, which is contemplated would occupy them about six weeks.

The sum before mentioned is exclusive of masts, yards, rigging and sails, and sea stores, which may be estimated at about 3,000 *l.* more, as follows:

To make good her defects, in so far as it may be required to do so for this temporary service - - - - -	£.
To strengthen and sheath the bottom with 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch fir, on felt -	1,986
	1,100
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	3,086
Add for masts, yards, sails, and sea stores - - - - -	3,000
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	£. 6,086

(signed) *B. W. Walker.*

Surveyor to engage whatever number of extra shipwrights may be required, in order to fit the "North Star," at Sheerness, for the conveyance of provisions to Baffin's Bay, for the relief of Sir James Ross's expedition.

19 February 1849.

(signed) *H. G. Ward.*
