

No. 2.

The SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY to Lieutenant EDWIN J. DE HAVEN,
late commanding the United States Arctic Expedition.

Sir,

Admiralty, 24th November 1851.

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th July, dated from Proven, (which has just been received by one of the whale ships;) transmitting information of the progress of the Arctic squadron under the command of Captain Austin and Captain Penny, and in conveying to you their Lordships thanks for your considerate communication, I am at the same time desirous to express their congratulations at the safe return of your expedition from its perilous voyage in search of Sir John Franklin, and providential escape from dangers and privations of no ordinary character, borne with praiseworthy fortitude.

My Lords further direct me to express their hope that you will gratify them by transmitting, at your earliest convenience, a copy of the proceedings* of the "Advance" and "Rescue," in order that the same may be placed on record at the Admiralty.

I have, &c.

W. A. B. HAMILTON.

* See Page 188.

II.

Proceedings of Sir John Ross. "Felix" Discovery Vessel.

No. 1.

Sir JOHN ROSS to the SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

"Felix" Discovery Vessel, 1st July 1851,
Cornwallis Island.

(Received 9th October.)

Sir,

As it is probable that the seven ships and vessels now frozen in at Cornwallis Island may not be able to return to England this autumn, I am to request you will be pleased to move the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to extend the payment of my pension for wounds, for the support of Lady Ross, to the 31st October 1852; and to pay my half-pay as captain or rear admiral to my bankers, Messrs. Coutts and Co., who have my directions for its disposal.

I am, &c.

JOHN ROSS, Captain R.N.

Copy sent by carrier pigeons, 21st July 1851.

No. 2.

Sir JOHN ROSS to the SECRETARY OF THE ADMIRALTY.

"Felix" Discovery Vessel, Cornwallis Island,
Lat. 74° 36' N., Long. 84° 20' W., 12th August 1851.

(Received 9th October 1851.)

Sir,

As the Secretary to the Honourable the Hudson's Bay Company (under whose auspices my expedition sailed) will transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the detailed account of my proceedings, it only remains for me to state that all the ships and vessels