The SECRETARY of the ADMIRALTY to Captain Austin.

SIR.

Admiralty, December 5, 1851.

My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having received a Report from the Committee of Naval Officers appointed to inquire into and report on the conduct of the officers entrusted with the command of the late expedition in search of Captain Sir John Franklin and party, and whether everything was done by them to carry into effect their instructions, and to prosecute the search for the missing ships, I am commanded by their Lordships to send you herewith a copy of the said Report, and to acquaint you that my Lords have great satisfaction in conveying to you their entire concurrence in the opinion expressed by the said Committee on your own conduct, and on that of Captain Ommanney and the officers and crew employed under your orders.

My Lords further desire me to send you herewith a list of the promotions which they have been pleased to make of some of the officers late under your command.

I am, &c. (Signed) J. PARKER.

Promotions for Arctic Expedition under Captain Austin.

LIEUTENANTS.

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Lieutenant R. D. Aldrich
J. B. Cator
F. L. M'Clintock

To be Commanders.
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MATES.

SECOND MASTERS.

Assistant Surgeons.

Mr. E. N. Harrison - - To be Paymaster and Purser

The Assistant Engineers will be advanced a step, if eligible.