

be confined to the Royal Navy of Great Britain. John Rae, Esq., surgeon in the Honourable Hudson Bay Company's service, who accompanied Sir John Richardson in his extensive explorations on the northern shores of America, and whose subsequent brilliant career as an Arctic traveller has been justly rewarded by the medal of the Royal Geographical Society, was in the service of the government on the outlook for any of the missing adventurers, in the event that even at this late period they should appear on the borders of the vast tracks already so familiar to Sir John Franklin in his perilous overland journeys.

The gallant Sir John Ross, C. B., &c., signally persistent in his endeavours to prevail upon the Admiralty to send him out in command of an expedition in search of his lost friend, having met with a deaf ear in that quarter, came before the public soliciting subscriptions. The result was so far successful, through the munificent liberality of the Honourable Hudson Bay Company, and, as the spring advanced, his small expedition assumed a state of active preparation for battling with the ice, and for a renewal of at least one or two of the scenes witnessed by its veteran commander during his

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