

"Ashburnham House, 27 December 1847.

"BARON BRUNNOW presents his compliments to the Earl of Auckland, and begs to enclose a letter of introduction in behalf of Lieutenant Moore, directed to the Governor of the Russian Colonies on the north-west coast of America, and to be forwarded to Lieutenant Moore."

A letter of thanks forwarded to Baron Brunnow, and the above-mentioned letter forwarded to Lieutenant Moore.

Part III.
Correspondence,
&c. in reference to
the Expedition.

EMPLOYMENT of Mr. *Rae*.

Sir,

Hudson's Bay House, 28 December 1847.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, stating that it would be very satisfactory to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty if the Hudson's Bay Company could spare Mr. John Rae to accompany Sir John Richardson as second officer of the party about to proceed in quest of Sir John Franklin's Expedition, and that their Lordships would be glad to be informed in what manner the Company would think proper that Mr. Rae should be remunerated.

I am directed by the governor and committee of the Hudson's Bay Company to acquaint you, in reply, that, in compliance with their Lordships' wishes, they have granted Mr. Rae permission to join the expedition under Sir John Richardson, in the capacity before mentioned.

The committee leave the question of remuneration to the decision of the Lords Commissioners; but as their Lordships may probably wish to know what has been done on former occasions of a somewhat similar kind, I am to state that Messrs. Dease and Simpson received 400*l.* each on their return from the survey of the coast between the mouth of Mackenzie River and Point Barrow, in 1837, and that the same amount has been awarded to Mr. Rae on account of the survey of the coast between Lord Mayor's Bay and the Straits of the Fury and Hecla, these gratuities being independent of their emoluments as officers of the Company.

I have, &c.

H. G. Ward, Esq.,
Admiralty, &c. &c. &c.,

A. Barclay,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM.

Dear Barrow,

December 1847.

This is interesting at this time; they may be wintering this winter either at Okhotsk or Zakontsk. You sent it to me before the expedition sailed.

W. H. B. Hamilton.

EXTRACTS of Letters from Commander (now Captain) *Fitzjames*, proposing to come home though Siberia on passing Bhering's Straits.

"In whatever year the expedition gets through Bhering's Straits, the month will be August or September, so that there will be time to go at once to Okhotsk, and start off for Petersburg; but in case of its being too late in the season to attempt the journey through Siberia, a winter would be profitably employed at either Okhotsk, Zakontsk, Tomsk or Tobolsk, in taking magnetic observations, which would form a chain of them round the world."

"Sir John Franklin tells me he had thought of such a journey for some officer, and Colonel Sabine says it would be highly desirable and interesting."

In another letter (his last to me) Captain *Fitzjames* says, "I do hope and trust that, if we get through, we shall land at Petropaulowski, and that I may be allowed to come home through Siberia: I shall do all in my power to urge Sir John Franklin to let me go, and I do wish the Russian Government had been asked to send to their Governors, &c., that they may expect me, and not oppose my going on: this was done in former expeditions, as I have just read in Beechey's account of the voyage of the "*Dorothea*" and "*Trent*." It is not now too late to send to St. Petersburg, and could do no harm: get through I firmly believe we shall."

J. B.