

Straits, because, he says, that in steering in that precise direction he always found the water too shallow, whilst when he deviated either towards the north-east or north-west, his soundings did not decrease. Enclosure No. —

Captain Roys hoped to have reached the Sandwich Islands a month since, and to have sailed again hence at least three weeks ago for the Arctic. He trusts, however, that he is still in good time.

I have been expecting here for the last month Her Majesty's ship "Herald," but she has not yet made her appearance. The two vessels of war which it appears were to have sailed from England last January for these islands, on their way to the Arctic, cannot well reach Honolulu until the elapse at least of another month.

— No. 3. —

PROCEEDINGS of an EXPEDITION by the way of *Behring's Strait*, under the Command of Captain *Collinson*, c. b., of Her Majesty's Ship "Enterprise."

(A. to M.)

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Proceedings of an Expedition by the way of Behring's Strait.

No. 3 (A.)

COPY of a LETTER from Captain *Collinson*, c. b., to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Her Majesty's Ship "Enterprise," Possession Bay,
Magellan Straits, 10 April 1850.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to acquaint you that Her Majesty's ship under my command reached this place to-day, after a passage of 80 days from England; that I have not seen the "Investigator" since the 1st of February, and that it is my intention to proceed to-morrow through the Straits, leaving the "Gorgon" to follow with our consort when she arrives; and that should she not do so early, I shall make my way to the Sandwich Islands direct, instead of complying with their Lordships' directions and calling at Valparaiso. The necessity of this deviation will, I trust, be a sufficient reason; as I look upon our arrival in Behring's Straits during the first week in August to be essential to their Lordships' orders.

The "Gorgon" will supply both vessels with the amount of provisions expended, since leaving England, nearly, and as Captain Paynter has made arrangements for the procuration of bullocks and vegetables, during our passage through the Straits, the object of refreshing the ships' companies will be obtained.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Rd. Collinson*, Captain.

No. 3 (B.)

COPY of a LETTER from Captain *Collinson*, c. b., to the Secretary of the Admiralty.

Her Majesty's Ship "Enterprise," Fortescue Bay,
Straits of Magellan, 18 April 1850.

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to report to you, by the "Nancy Dawson," that Her Majesty's ship under my command reached Possession Bay, in the Straits of Magellan, on the 10th of April, where I found the "Gorgon."

The "Investigator" not having arrived, I deemed it advisable to push on by myself, leaving orders with Captain Paynter to join me in the Straits, on the 17th, should the "Investigator" not appear.

We reached this place, being favoured with fine weather, and having stayed a day at Sandy Point, for the purpose of procuring fresh beef, on the morning of the 16th, I had the happiness of being joined by the "Gorgon" and the "Investigator"