IN SEARCH OF CAPTAIN SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.

of the expedition, you will, nevertheless, omit no opportunity of rendering it as contributive to scientific acquisition as to the performance of the great duties of national humanity. In carrying out the above orders, you will avail yourself of every practical occasion of acquainting our Secretary with every step of your progress, as well with your future intentions; and on your reaching England you will call on every person in both vessels to deliver up to you all their logs, journals, charts and drawings, but which, they may be informed, shall be returned to them in due time.

Given under our hands this 9th day of May 1848.

(signed)

Auckland. J. W. D. Dundas.

Sir Jas. C. Ross, Captain of H. M. Ship "Enterprize," Greenhithe.

By command of their Lordships.

(signed) H. G.

H. G. Ward.