

*Downing-Street, 8th June, 1824.*

SIR,

HAVING submitted your name to His Majesty, as a fit person to be employed in the examination of the eastern part of the North Coast of North America, from the Western Shore of Melville Peninsula to the point where Captain Franklin's late journey terminated; and the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having appointed you to the command of His Majesty's ship *Griper*, to enable you to execute this service, and with orders to proceed to the most convenient spot for commencing your operations; and their Lordships having, moreover, informed me of the perfect readiness of the said ship to proceed, I am to desire that you will lose no time in putting to sea according to their orders, and proceeding to the place or places therein pointed out; on your arrival at which, if the season and state of the weather will admit, you are to endeavour, with a party,