

2 SAILING ORDERS, &c., TO COMMANDER INGLEFIELD

in effecting this, and relays of men are to be employed; the stores are to be landed on the island or to be put on board the "North Star," as may be considered most advisable, according to the circumstances of the case. On the transport being cleared, she is, without a moment's delay, to be directed to proceed to England, and your most especial duty, or that of the senior officer present, will be to carry out these orders.

5. Part of the stores on board the "Phoenix" may also be landed, or placed on board the "North Star," except what may be required for the return passage to England; and having obtained all possible information from Sir E. Belcher, or the senior officer at Beechey Island, with reference to the expeditions and the discoveries which may have been made, and exchanged any officers or men whose state of health may render it necessary that they should return to England, you are immediately to proceed to sea, and to return to Woolwich with all possible dispatch, taking the utmost care that your delay at Beechey Island be not extended to such a period as may risk the ship being frozen in for the winter.

6. Should the state of the ice in Baffin Bay be such as to render it doubtful whether you will be able to make your passage across to Lancaster Sound during this summer, it is our most positive direction that you are on no account whatever to run the risk of either the "Phoenix," or the transport, being frozen in and detained during the winter of 1853-54; and if you should consider there is a chance of such being the case, you are immediately to send the transport to Woolwich, and also return there with the steam-vessel under your command. But if you should get through Baffin Bay, and find Lancaster Sound closed, so as to prevent your making the passage to Beechey Island, you are to consider whether it will be possible to land the stores, coal, &c., at or near Cape Warrender, and from thence to send the transport direct to England, and to take such steps as you may deem necessary, so as, if possible, to communicate overland with Beechey Island.

7. You are distinctly to understand that the principal and chief object of your orders is to communicate with Beechey Island, for the purpose of landing stores and obtaining information, and from thence to return direct to England. But should the season prove to be a very open one, and on your return from Beechey Island you should have an opportunity of examining the coast in the vicinity of Cape Walsingham, we do not object to your doing so, but on no account are you to risk the safety of the ship or your being detained, as you must positively return to England this season.

8. We herewith send you instructions to Sir E. Belcher, or the senior officer at Beechey Island, which you will deliver on your arrival.

Given under our hands this 11th day of May 1853.

(signed) *J. R. G. Graham.*  
*Hyde Parker.*  
*M. F. F. Berkeley.*  
*R. S. Dundas.*  
*Alex. Milne.*

To Edw. A. Inglefield, Esq.,  
Her Majesty's Steam Sloop "Phoenix,"  
Woolwich.

By command of their Lordships,  
(signed) *R. Osborne.*