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ARCTIC EXPEDITION (SCURVY).

Return to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 7 June 1877;—for,

COPY "of the LETTER addressed by the Admiralty to Captain Sir George S. Nares, R.N., K.C.B., on the subject of the outbreak of SCURVY in the ARCTIC EXPEDITION, 1875-6."

Admiralty,
7 June 1877.

THOS. WOLLEY,
Chief Clerk.

Admiral Robert Hall to Sir George Nares.

Sir,

Admiralty, 5 June 1877.

WITH reference to the 8th paragraph of my letter to the Commander in Chief at Portsmouth, of the 3rd November last, in which their Lordships stated that "they refrained at present from expressing any opinion on the cause of the outbreak of scurvy in the Arctic Expedition under your command," I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that, after the receipt of the Report of the Director General of the Medical Department on the outbreak of scurvy, and your letters of the 30th November and 14th December last, my Lords thought it desirable that the questions discussed therein should be referred to the judgment of a Committee.

Parliamentary Paper [C. 1686] of 1877, page 466.

Parliamentary Paper [C. 1722], pages 380-388.

2. My Lords desire me to forward to you a copy of the Report of the Committee, and I am to state that they accept the conclusions at which the Committee have arrived, after a careful investigation of the matter.

3. I am to observe that my Lords make full allowance for the great practical difficulties that you had to contend with in deciding upon the best scheme for provisioning the sledge parties, and that they appreciate the reasons which guided your action in the matter, but, at the same time, their Lordships must express their regret that you did not attach due weight to the recommendations of the Director General of the Medical Department upon the subject.

Captain Sir George Nares, K.C.B.

I am, &c.
(signed) *Robert Hall.*