

$\frac{1}{2}$  box Navy shaving soap.  
 3 lbs. black linen thread.  
 3 „ white „  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  „ black sewing silk.  
 papers needles.  
 5 lbs. woollen yarn.  
 1 case clay pipes.  
 3 doz. briar pipes.  
 3 „ assorted knives.  
 1 „ tin pots.

1 doz. assorted tin pans.  
 2 bolts No. 1 cotton canvas.  
 1 bolt ravens duck.  
 1 section main deck awning.  
 4 sewing and roping palms.  
 3 lbs. flax sewing twine.  
 3 „ cotton.  
 2 „ beeswax.  
 50 assorted sail needles.

#### *Ordnance Stores.*

4 shot guns, with appurtenances complete.	10,000 cartridges (Sharp's rifle).
4 Sharp's rifles.	1,000 „ (Remington rifle).
4 Remington rifles.	1,000 „ (ball and buck shot).
6 Navy pistols.	100 „ (Navy pistol).
1 doz. leather belts.	6 shovels.
$\frac{1}{2}$ „ frogs.	2 pickaxes and hoe combined.
$\frac{1}{2}$ „ cartridge boxes.	1 doz. assorted files.
$\frac{1}{2}$ „ caps.	3 clay hammers.
10 bags shot (250 lbs.).	1 broad axe.
20 lbs. musket powder.	2 wood axes.
50 „ bar lead.	feet lumber.
$\frac{1}{2}$ doz. powder flasks.	1 barrel tar.
$\frac{1}{2}$ „ shot belts.	$\frac{1}{4}$ gross assorted fishing hooks.
10,000 gun caps.	6 cod lines (60 fathoms each).
	3 coils hallibut lines.

#### *Near Life Boat Cove.*

No provisions were left at Life Boat Cove, but in a cache about one quarter of a mile E.S.E. from the house, in latitude  $78^{\circ} 23' 30''$  N., longitude  $73^{\circ} 21'$  W., were placed—

The pendulum.

The transit instrument (without its glasses).

Three box chronometers.

Two or three trunks containing the Arctic library of the late Captain C. F. Hall.

The Esquimaux at Life Boat Cove were aware of this deposit and its locality.

No. 17.

SECRETARY of ADMIRALTY to UNDER SECRETARY of STATE, FOREIGN OFFICE.

SIR,

Admiralty, 18th February 1875.

WITH reference to your letter of the 9th instant, forwarding the reply of the United States Government to the application made to them in regard to the stores of the "Polaris Expedition," deposited on the west coast of Greenland, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will move the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to instruct Her Majesty's Minister at Washington to convey the thanks of Her Majesty's Government to that of the United States, for the liberal manner in which they have placed the stores in question at the disposal of the Arctic Expedition, and for their good wishes for the success of the undertaking.

I am, &c.

The Under Secretary of State,  
 &c., &c.,  
 Foreign Office.

(Signed) ROBERT HALL.