

"During the time the Blossom remains in Kotzebue Sound, a party will be directed to proceed inland on a north course, if practicable, in order that should the coast of the Polar Sea be within reasonable distance, signals may be erected upon the heights for Captain Franklin, whose party may by this means be spared a long journey round the N. W. promontory of America. At this and every other station where information is deposited of Captain Beechey, it is advisable that a request in the Russian language be also placed, that this information be not taken away, or the signals disturbed.

"Since the transmission of the above, Captain Franklin has received his instructions from Earl Bathurst, the contents of which have been made known to Captain Beechey, and the only addition which we think necessary to make is, that in the event of Captain Franklin arriving at an early period at Icy Cape, or at the N. W. extremity of America, or in the longitude of Icy Cape ( $161^{\circ} 42' W.$ ) and returning the same season to his former winter quarters, he will, in the above-mentioned meridian, erect a signal, and bury a bottle containing the information of his having done so for Captain Beechey's guidance.

(Signed) "JOHN FRANKLIN, Captain.  
F. W. BEECHEY, Commander, His  
Majesty's Sloop Blossom.

*Woolwich, 10th February, 1825."*

After the receipt of these instructions, I took an early opportunity of communicating to the officers under my command the sentiments of their lordships, contained in the twelfth paragraph. How