

which they had several casks full already, and twelve men were out shooting more.

"To see such determination and foresight at that early period is really wonderful, and must give us the greatest hopes.

"I asked Capt. Martin why he had not mentioned this before? He said that he did not at first think it of any importance, and that when Lady Franklin was at *Peterhead* about two years ago, he did not like to intrude upon her ladyship (not having the honour of knowing her) during her short stay. He is a man of the strictest integrity, whose word I can depend upon. He has an independent fortune, which he got by fishing.

"Your most obedient Servant,

"William Penny." \*

#### TESTIMONIALS TO HENRY GRINNELL, ESQ.

(From the *New York Daily Tribune*, Nov. 15, 1851.)

"About a dozen of the English friends of Mr. Grinnell, yesterday presented him with a beautiful gold medal, commemorative of his Polar Expedition. The subscribers to this little affair were exactly twelve, and there was a peculiar propriety in the compliment, from the fact of English, Irish, and Scottish gentlemen being among the contributors: the three kingdoms were all represented.

"The medal is of the purest gold, and of exquisite workmanship; and, besides a sketch of the two vessels, depicted in their icy prison-house, contains the following inscription:—

"*The British residents of New York to Henry Grinnell, in grateful admiration of his noble effort to save Sir John Franklin.*"

A week previously silver medals had been presented to the crews of the *ADVANCE* and *RESCUE*. The account in the *New York Tribune*, after giving the speech of Dr. Bartlett (with whom the idea of presenting a medal originated) on the occasion, goes on to say:—

"His daughter, Mrs. Le Gal, then affixed on the left breast of each the medal, suspended by a silk ribbon, and presented each of them at the same time with a small box, containing a five-dollar gold piece. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Commander Wilson called for three cheers, which, at a signal from the boatswain's whistle, were given vociferously. The band then struck up 'Hail, Columbia!' and wound up with 'God save the Queen,' etc.

On the 4th November, a complimentary dinner was given by the British residents in honour of this liberal and estimable gentleman. A lengthened report of the proceedings is contained in the *New York Express* of the day following.

Subjoined is the correspondence relating to the medal:—

"To HENRY GRINNELL, Esq.

"New York, Nov. 13, 1851.

"Sir,—I am deputed by a few of your friends who own a British birth, to ask your acceptance of a bit of gold, on which is inscribed their sense of an important act of your life. If you will accept it—and it is presented by those who respectively claim lineage with the Three Kingdoms—they will feel both honoured and gratified.

"I am, Sir, with great respect,

"Your obedient servant,

"John S. Bartlett."

\* The statement conveyed in this letter was subsequently disputed in the "Times" by "A CAPTAIN, R.N.," But the correspondence which ensued leaves little doubt as to the general correctness of Capt. Martin's report.