

at. Mr. Latrobe, in Ely-place, or Mr. Mallalieu, in Hatton-garden, could give every information on these points. And Mr. Parker says there is a Dane at Operniwick, holding the office of boatswain, or sub-governor, who understands both Danish and Esquimaux, and also the English language, who would be most serviceable, either to accompany the expedition, or to give other assistance ; but it would be necessary to obtain orders from the Danish Government for him to act, as they are cautious in fearing to disobey the wishes of those in authority at home.

His Excellency Count Reventlow would, I doubt not, be most ready to do what might be needed on that point.

Parker thinks the name of the gentleman alluded to is Hans Schmidt, but cannot say with certainty.

I have written this in much haste, and very probably you will have previously had suggestions of the same nature from other quarters ; but if my few and unimportant remarks should lead to more efficient aid being obtained elsewhere, I shall be truly glad ; and if I can be of any further service in procuring more detailed answers to any questions you may wish to put, I beg you will freely command me.

I am, &c.

(signed) *Thos. Ward.*

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Letter from Mr.
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