

regard to wintering places on either side as would be useful to the ships to be despatched in the summer of 1877.

Failing any communication with the Expedition up to that time, and if then too late to prosecute the objects of my own intended voyage to the west, I should return to England.

The preceding observations are based upon the supposition that Captain Nares reached the position which it was contemplated by the Arctic Committee that his ships might arrive at under favourable circumstances, and which there is good reason to believe they may have reached.

If, on the other hand, they have been unable to penetrate further than from 60 to 80 miles within the entrance of the Sound, their communications with their depôt will be much more certain and my chance of bringing information from them proportionately so; I earnestly trust, however, that this will not have been the case.

Under any circumstances their Lordships may rely that no pains will be spared on my part to carry out their wishes, to which I shall consider all other things secondary.

I shall observe the usual custom of communicating with their Lordships by all opportunities and of leaving records of my proceedings wherever I may be able to do so, after leaving the Danish Settlements of Greenland. And in the event of my obtaining despatches from Captain Nares or Captain Stephenson I will take such means as will be best to insure their arrival in England as speedily as possible.

I have, &c.

ALLEN YOUNG, Lieut. R.N.R.

Commander Arctic Yacht "Pandora."

No. 20.

SECRETARY of the ADMIRALTY to MR. ALLEN YOUNG.

SIR,

Admiralty, 31st May 1876.

WITH reference to your letter of 29th instant and your telegram of this day, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they entirely concur in the views expressed in your letter, and their Lordships desire to leave it to your own judgment to determine the steps that will be most advisable for carrying out their general views consequent on the communications received from Captain Nares, of which copies were forwarded to you on the 16th instant.

I am, &c.

(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

The "Pandora" left Plymouth on the 3rd June 1876.