



A COMPENDIUM of the TRAVELLING OPERATIONS during the SPRING of 1853 by the OFFICERS and CREWS of the ARCTIC SEARCHING EXPEDITION under CAPTAIN SIR EDWARD BELCHER, KNIGHT C.B.; compiled

Note.—The Words and Figures printed in *Italics*

NAMES AND RANK OF PARTY.				Sledge, distinguishing Flag and Motto.	Direction of Route.	Date of leaving and return.	NUMBER OF DAYS.		TIME.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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Bedford Pim.	Lieut.	A.B.	John McLean.		To proceed to the Bay of Mercy, bearing island, and thence through the Prince of Wales Strait to Nelson's Head, for traces of Expedition under Cap. Coleson.	March 10. April 19.	2	123	111	31	91	1	10	3	9	14	318	17	25	365	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

of Her Majesty's Ship "RESOLUTE" and Tender "INTREPID," CAPTAIN HENRY KELLETT, C.B., commanding the Western Branch from official Documents, and respectfully inscribed to his Captain, by George F. M'Dougall, Master of H.M.S. "Resolute."

were written with Red Ink in the Original.

Farthest Position attained; Date of reaching it, &c.	DISTANCE.					Charts containing late Discoveries, and Location of main Depots.	Calves built and Revals deposited.	GAME.										Estimated Number of Pounds of Meat.	Dressing Weight per Man on leaving the Ship, and first Depot.	METEOROLOGY.					REMARKS, &c.
	MILES TRAVELLED.							PROCURED—SEEN.												Temp.					
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	Direct from Ship.	Traveled.	Average daily Rate.	Average Length of Marches.	Non Count Line alt. covered and explored.			Musk Oxen.	Reindeer.	Hares.	Parmigan.	Geese.	Ducks.	Floors.	Lemmings.		Maximum.	Minimum.	Prevailing Winds.	Rain first fell.	Thaw first observed.				
Bay of Mercy, bearing Island. Lat. 74° 0' N. Long. 115° 20' W. Var. 105° E. April 6.	125 147	370 447	8'9 10'2	11'2 18'8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	232 311	+ 19	- 41	-	-	Lieutenant Tim's sledge being disabled on 23rd March, when about 20 miles S.W. of Cape Dundas, he transferred his party to Dr. Domville, and proceeded with the dog sledges to the Bay of Mercy, where the "Investigator," Commander M'Clure, was found on the 6th April.			
20 miles S.W. of Cape Dundas. March 20. At Cape Dundas, per order, from April 9 to 14.	105 121	280 323	7'0 8'4	10'6 12'2	-	1	-	5 200	-	3 30	-	-	-	-	-	854	242 311	+ 19	- 41	-	-	Dr. Domville, with Lieutenant Tim's party and disabled sledge, did not reach Cape Dundas until 9th April; after waiting five days, he was joined by Lieutenant Tim, on his homeward route, with news of "Investigator." Dr. Domville, taking charge of the dogs, was the first to communicate the news.			
5 Miles South of Point Hearne. March 16. Thence to the ship.	33 38	68 79	6'8 7'9	10'3 12'1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	+ 19	- 44	-	-	Mr. Roche accompanied the above parties to about five miles south of Point Hearne. After placing a depot on the Point, he returned to the ship on the 27th March, on which day snow was first observed to dissolve.			
About midway between the ship and Hecla and Griper Bay. April 7.	20 23	30 38	6'6 7'3	8'3 9'3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	210	+ 1	- 18	-	-	The first ice was seen by this party on the April.			
Point McClintock, Prince Patrick Island. Lat. 79° 20' N. Long. 118° 20' W. June 17 and 18.	128 229	1148 1328	11'0 12'7	11'6 13'4	708 886	22 4	4	7 24	7 124	1 65	22 177	5 23	2 -	-	-	1629	227 233	+ 21	- 24	-	-	At Point Nias noticed marks of Parry's cart-wheels in 1839. No traces whatever of either Esquimaux or bears. Part of a drift tree found near Point Nias, 27 feet long and 7 in circumference at base. No appearance of open water to the north of Patrick's Island.			
Cape De Bray, Melville Island. Lat. 79° 10' N. Long. 116° 45' W. May 2.	140 162	381 440	7'0 8'0	10'0 11'6	-	2	-	-	1 124	1 65	5 177	-	-	-	-	73	230 233	+ 21	- 24	-	-	Mr. De Bray observed a solitary hare in a natural cavern near Point Nias; no others were seen. Pools of water and sludge ice fallen in with the ice. Part of a drift tree found near Point Nias, 27 feet long and 7 in circumference at base. On the 12th May John Coombe, Stoker, fell dead upon the ice.			
Prince Patrick Island. Lat. 79° 0' N. Long. 118° 20' W. May 29.	210 243	1006 1168	10'7 12'5	11'7 13'5	680 783	26 4	4	7 24	7 124	1 65	22 177	5 23	2 -	2 -	-	1273	220 230	+ 21	- 24	-	-	On Prince Patrick Island, about 10' from the sea, several large trees were found partly buried in the soil. At and near Cape Manning pieces of decayed wood were picked up. At Cape Smyth was seen a perfectly white musk ox grazing.			
Cape Nares, Eglinton Island. Lat. 79° 20' N. Long. 119° 30' W. Var. 105° E. May 3.	155 181	540 620	9'3 10'9	10'6 12'4	-	2	-	-	-	12	5	-	-	-	-	101	220 230	+ 21	- 24	-	-	A few pieces of petrified wood were found on south shore of Eglinton Island, in one place only. The floor in Liddon's Gulf appeared to have been there for years, being composed of one mass of rounded hillocks. The line of route between Melville and Eglinton Islands was over old ice similar to that in Liddon's Gulf.			
South shore of Hecla and Griper Bay. Lat. 79° 20' N. Long. 118° 40' W. Var. 134 E. April 15.	37 48	90 105	6'6 7'7	10'0 11'6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220	+ 6	- 18	-	-	The march across the land was very fatiguing, consequence of the quantity of fresh fallen snow. Detained in tents by a N.W. gale from 7th April to the 11th. Temperature varying from 16° to 22° minus, being 2° lower than the temperature on board, attributed to being 600 feet above the level of the sea.			