

The following answer was sent in reply.

Arctic Land Expedition,
21, Regent Street, Oct. 22nd.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, addressed to the Committee for managing the Arctic Land Expedition, and returning your thanks to its members, to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to all the subscribers towards the equipment of that expedition, for the exertions made by them in hopes of rescuing you and yours from your perilous situation.

In reply, I beg in the name of the Committee and of all the subscribers, to offer you our warmest congratulations on your safe return. And although the main object of Captain Back's expedition is thus attained without his assistance, yet we feel much gratified that it should have gone, inasmuch as it proves to all future adventurers in a like cause, that their country would not be unmindful of them; while on the other hand your return also shows that no situation should be considered too desperate to be beyond the reach of a similar exertion.

I have the honor to be

Sir, your obedient servant,

CHARLES OGLE, Chairman.

To Captain Ross, Royal Navy.

At the same time a despatch was agreed to be forwarded by a winter express to Captain Back, acquainting him with Captain Ross's return, and directing him to turn his attention now entirely to the second object of his mission, — completing the coast line of the north-eastern part of America, of which little more than one hundred and fifty miles remain to be traced.