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## THE RECEPTION OF THE GREELY RELIEF EXPEDITION.

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It was decided by the proper authorities that the official reception of Lieut. A. W. Greely and the survivors of his expedition, and of Commander Schley and his command, should occur at Portsmouth, and the relief ships, which had been detained for a few days in the harbor of Saint John's, Newfoundland, had been ordered to sail for Portsmouth harbor. The fleet consisted of the *Thetis*, Commander Winfield Scott Schley; the *Bear*, Lieut. William H. Emory; and the *Alert*, Commander George W. Coffin: the whole under the command of Commander Schley. On board the vessels were Lieutenant Greely and his party, with the bodies of the dead. On Friday morning, August 1, the vessels came in sight, one day earlier than had been expected, and they were met off Boone Island by the *Alliance*, of the North Atlantic squadron, and directed to enter the harbor at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the time fixed for the formal naval reception. The North Atlantic squadron, in command of Rear-Admiral Stephen B. Luce, lay at anchor in the lower harbor. It consisted of the flagship *Tennessee*, commanded by Capt. Joseph N. Miller; *Vandalia*, Capt. Rush R. Wallace; *Swatara*, Commander Gilbert C. Wiltse; *Yantic*, Commander Frank Wildes, and *Alliance*, Commander Lewis Clark,