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Again, who shall say that Sir John Franklin, or one of his party, may not actually have caught or shot one of the foxes before alluded to, and thus have arrived at the very idea of making the animal creation a means of notice of their existence within to the world without?

However this may ultimately prove, I leave all further investigation to the wisdom of my Lords of the Admiralty, satisfied with having done my duty in calling their attention to the subject, and merely adding, that, if necessary, the authenticity of the fact communicated can be decidedly and satisfactorily established.

Permit me to claim the precedence of this respectful communication.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm. Herschel de Griesbach,*
Late of British Service.

No. 57.

LETTER from the Secretary of the Admiralty to Mr. *W. H. de Griesbach.*

Sir,

Admiralty, 26 November 1852.

I HAVE received and laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 22d instant, reporting that reindeer had been found in Spitzbergen with their ears slit with knives, and the probability of the same having been done by some of the expedition under Sir J. Franklin.

I am, &c.
(signed) *A. Stafford.*
