

their country able to speak with them, to live among them, to support my life in the same manner that they do theirs; to migrate with them from place to place, and to traverse and patiently explore all the region in which it is reasonable to suppose Franklin's crew traveled and perished. I shall be accompanied by the two intelligent Esquimaux, Ebierbing and Tookoolito, who, having accompanied me on my return from my first expedition, and after remaining with me for two years, now go back with me on this second voyage.

I enter upon this undertaking with lively hopes of success. I shall not, like previous explorers, set my foot on shore for a few days or weeks, or, like others, journey among men whose language is to me unintelligible. I shall live for two or three years among the Esquimaux, and gain their confidence; and I have the advantage of understanding the language, and of making all my wishes known to them.

I will not close without offering my thanks to my Publishers for their patience and courtesy; to the Artists for the beautiful and accurate drawings made by them, under my own eye, from my rough sketches; and to the Engravers and Printers for their constant forbearance in the trouble I gave them, unaccustomed as I was to literary labors, yet anxious to obtain the utmost exactness in my narrative.

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