

11th June, 1847; and the total loss by death Expedition has been to this date 9 officers and

“ JAMES FITZ JAMES, *Captain H.M.S. Erebus*

To the above is added the following in the writing of Captain Crozier :

“ And start on to-morrow, 26th, for Back's Fish

“ F. R. M. CROZIER, *Captain and senior officer*

Besides this priceless document, Lieutenant McClintock found distributed in confusion around the cairn articles of clothing and utility, apparently abandoned as superfluous weight which would only impede progress of men marching for their lives.

Another discovery made by Hobson, and afterwards carefully examined by McClintock, was a boat man on a sledge in the depth of a wide bay sentinel two skeletons, ghastly remnants of the last expedition. McClintock's description of this scene is as follows:

“ One was that of a slight young person; the other of a large, strongly made, middle-aged man. The former was found in the bow of the boat, but in a disturbed state to enable Hobson to judge where the sufferer had died there. Large and powerful animals, probably wolves, had destroyed much of the skeleton, which may have been that of an officer. Near it we found the fragment of a pair of white slippers . . . the lines white, with a red margin and spaces red, white, and yellow. They had originally been eleven inches long, lined with calf-skin, with