

## ARCTIC EXPEDITION (NORTH STAR).

They have, therefore, determined upon sending out a fresh supply of provisions for both ships, by the "North Star," which is now fitting for this purpose at Sheerness, with orders to proceed across Baffin's Bay, and as much farther as practicable, in the direction of Lancaster Sound and Barrow's Strait, looking out for the "Investigator" or her boats.

In the event of the "Investigator" not being fallen in with, the Commander of the "North Star" will be directed to land the supplies at such points on the south side of Lancaster Sound, or other places indicated by Sir James Ross, as may be accessible to the "North Star," in sufficient time to secure his return across Baffin's Bay, before the winter sets in.

The expense of Fitting the "North Star" for the ice will be £. 6,086, and the Wages of Crew, Stores and Provisions on board, £. 6,602, making £. 12,688 in all, which constitute the Supplementary Estimate now submitted to The House. But in addition to this, Her Majesty's Government has determined to offer a reward of £. 20,000, to be given to such private ship, or distributed among such private ships, of any country, as may, in the judgment of the Board of Admiralty, have rendered efficient assistance to Sir John Franklin, his ships or their crews, and may have contributed, directly, to extricate them from the ice.

(signed) *H. G. Ward.*

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