

— No. 10. —

I.
Expedition to Lancaster Sound and Barrow's Straits.

To the Honourable the Board of Admiralty.

Honourable Sirs,

Hull, 3 November 1848.

THE "Lord Gambier," Captain Richard Hill, having arrived from Davis's Straits last evening, I beg to inform you that on the 21st July he made fast to the same iceberg as Captain Sir James Ross and the other discovery ship, and was on board of them both on that day, and they were all well and in good spirits, and hoped soon to get a north passage. This was off Cape Shackleton.

On the 25th July he parted company in thick weather, just before the Devil's Thumb bore south, distance 9 leagues. He got across into the westwater in about 70 deg. 40 min., and was alone on the west side, and as far north as Cape Bowen on the 2d September, but saw nothing or any signs of Sir John Franklin or his expedition.

I regret I have no more favourable news to communicate; but having seen Sir James Ross probably the last, thought it advisable to inform you of it.

I remain, &c.

(signed) *Robert Collison*, Managing Owner.

— No. 11. —

Sir,

Stromness, Orkneys, 7 November 1848.

WE have the honour to forward the enclosed letter, picked up by Mr. Thomas Lee, of the Hull whaler "Prince of Wales," off Cape Hooper, Davis's Straits, in latitude 68 deg. 10 min. north, longitude 64 deg. 30 min., on the 1st October.

The "Prince of Wales" arrived here last evening; and we beg you will lay these before the Lords of the Admiralty.

We have, &c.

(signed) *Davidson & Sinclair*,
Agents.

The Secretary of the Admiralty.

Enclosure in No. 11.

HER Majesty's ships "Enterprise" and "Investigator" cleared the Main Pack in Melville Bay on the 20th August, and after examining Pond's Bay on the 23d, passed on to the northward in search of the expedition under Captain Sir John Franklin.

The cask which contains this paper was thrown from Her Majesty's ship "Investigator" on the 28th of August 1848, in latitude 73 deg. 50 min. north, and longitude 78 deg. 6 min. 30 sec. west; all well; "Enterprise" in company.

Whoever may find this paper is requested to forward it to the Secretary of the Admiralty, London, with a note of the date, latitude, and longitude in which the cask was found.

(signed) *Edward Bird*, Captain.