

No. 1.
Information re-
lating to the United
States Expedition.

spared from the navy, to be accounted for or returned by the officers who shall receive the same.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, that the said vessels, officers, and men shall be in all respects under the laws and regulations of the navy of the United States until their return, when the said vessels shall be delivered to the said Henry Grinnell. Provided, that the United States shall not be liable to any claim for compensation in case of the loss, damage, or deterioration of the said vessels or either of them, from any cause or in any manner whatever, nor be liable to any demand for the use or risk of the said vessels or either of them.

Approved, 2d May 1850.

No. 1 (B.)

COPY of a LETTER from *H. U. Addington, Esq.*, to *John Parker, Esq., M.P.*

Sir,

Foreign Office, 24 June 1850.

I AM directed by Viscount Palmerston to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, forwarding a copy in print of the instructions given to the officer in command of the expedition which has been sent in search of Sir John Franklin by the United States government.

I am, &c.

(signed) *H. U. Addington.*

Enclosure to No. 1 (B.)

My Lord,

Washington, 9 June 1850.

I HAVE the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the instructions addressed by the secretary of the United States navy to Lieutenant de Haven, the officer in command of the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, prior to the sailing of that officer from this country.

I have, &c.

(signed) *H. L. Bulwer.*

The Right Hon.

Viscount Palmerston, G. C. B.

&c. &c. &c.

Sub-Enclosure to No. 1 (B.)

United States Navy Department, Washington,

15 May 1850.

Sir,

HAVING been selected to command the expedition in search of Sir John Franklin and his companions, you will take charge of the two brigantines, the "Advance" and the "Rescue," that have been fitted out for that service, and as soon as you are ready proceed with them to sea, and make the best of your way to Lancaster Sound.

These vessels have been furnished to the government for this service by the munificence of a private citizen, Mr. Henry Grinnell of New York. You will therefore be careful of them, that they may be returned to their owner in good condition. They have been provisioned for three years.

Passed Midshipman S. P. Griffin has been selected to command one of the vessels, you will therefore consider him as your second in command. Confer with him, and treat him accordingly.

The chief object of this expedition is to search for, and if found, afford relief to, Sir John Franklin of the Royal Navy, and his companions.

You will therefore use all diligence, and make every exertion to this end, paying attention as you go to subjects of scientific inquiry, - only so far as the same may not interfere with the main object of the expedition.

Having passed Barrow Strait, you will turn your attention northward to Wellington Channel, and westward to Cape Walker, and be governed by circumstances as to the course you will then take.

Accordingly