

Charles Ogle, one of its most active members, took the chair, at which the following communication from Captain Ross was read.

London, Oct. the 20th.

To the Committee for managing the Arctic Land Expedition.

GENTLEMEN.—Of the many circumstances of high gratification which have welcomed the delivery of myself and my companions from four years of severe suffering, there is nothing (next after a deep sense of the merciful providence wherewith we have been surrounded in such great perils) which has excited so strong a feeling of gratitude as the humane and generous sympathy of a number of persons, who, at the chance of being instrumental in our preservation, contributed, with the assistance of his Majesty's government, an ample sum for the purpose of paying the expense of an expedition which was so promptly and with so much judgment put in motion by your Committee, and so wisely confided to the guidance of Captain Back, whose known intelligence and intrepidity gave to the Committee a certainty that all would be done which a sagacious mind and unflinching perseverance could accomplish. It is my wish and duty to make the earliest acknowledgements of this instance of wide extended compassion towards us, and I venture to rely on the favour of the Committee to receive with allowance this imperfect expression of my feelings towards them, to his Majesty's government, to the contributors to the undertaking, and to the Hudson's Bay Company, for the efforts which might have proved, as designed, the means of snatching myself and my faithful companions from the further sufferings which, almost to the last moment, we seemed doomed to encounter.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,

Your very humble and grateful servant,

JOHN ROSS,

Captain, Royal Navy.

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