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ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 20 February 1852 ;—for,

“PAPERS in connection with the late ARCTIC EXPEDITIONS, or with any
which may be in preparation.—(In continuation of the Papers presented
to The House on the 7th March 1851, and on the 3d February 1852.)”

(*Sir Robert Harry Inglis.*)

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— No. 1. —

CORRESPONDENCE between the Admiralty and Mr. *Penny*, relative to the Employment of Mr. *Penny* in the renewed Searching Expedition.

Sir, 200, Piccadilly, 11 February 1852.

I BEG you to do me the favour of laying the enclosed letter before the Lords of the Admiralty.

I have brought it up to London, where I shall be detained a short time on business, after which I return to Aberdeen.

To the Secretary to the Admiralty.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Wm. Penny.*

My Lords, Polmure, Aberdeen, 30 January 1852.

I HAVE been too much hurt to reply to the letter I received from the Secretary of the Admiralty in reply to my application to your Lordships, which was to be allowed to pursue the search for Sir John Franklin in the channel I discovered last year, and which everybody now agrees is the way he has gone. It never entered my mind for one moment that your Lordships would have cast me off in the contemptuous manner you have done. Last autumn, when I returned, and asked for a steamer to go back directly, it was judged too late to do so; but I was thanked for what their Lordships were pleased to call my generous offer, and that they were much gratified by my zeal, and I felt sure I should be sent again in the spring, and that it was only put off for a season. My second in command,