

ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 4 April 1854;—for,

COPIES “of any INSTRUCTIONS which either have been Issued, or hereafter may be Issued, during the present Season, to the Commanders of Her Majesty’s Ships now engaged in the ARCTIC REGIONS in the Search for Sir John Franklin’s Expedition.”

Admiralty, }
7 April 1854. }

JOHN JONES DYER,
Chief Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS Issued, during the present Season, to the Commanders of Her Majesty’s Ships now engaged in the ARCTIC REGIONS in the Search for Sir John Franklin’s Expedition

Sir,

Admiralty, 11 January 1854.

WITH reference to the Sailing Orders addressed to you on the 9th of February last by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, wherein you were directed to proceed in the summer of 1854 with the ship under your command from Port Clarence to Honolulu, and there wait their further orders; I have their Lordships’ commands to send you herewith a copy of Instructions which have been given to Commander Maguire of Her Majesty’s sloop “Plover,” and to desire that you complete your provisions and stores from Her Majesty’s ship which may convey these orders, and exchange any of your officers and men, and that you remain at Grantley Harbour until the summer of 1855. When that season shall have arrived, and you can leave the harbour, you will proceed to the northward for the purpose of assisting the “Plover” to return to Port Clarence, preparatory to her finally leaving Behring Straits, or in case the “Plover” has not wintered to the northward, for the purpose of communicating with the shore, and looking for any of the crew of Her Majesty’s ship “Enterprise,” should circumstances have compelled them to fall back on Point Barrow; and having remained on this service so long as the season will permit, you will again communicate with Grantley Harbour, and there deposit spare provisions, stores, clothing, coals, candles, &c., in the house which you may have built, also one or more boats, and having left every information for the guidance of any party who may arrive there, you will proceed with the ship under your command to San Francisco and Valparaiso for further orders.

You will on no account risk the safety of the ship, or her being detained during the winter of 1855; and you are distinctly to understand that no ship will be sent from the Pacific station in 1855 to communicate with Grantley Harbour; which port you must positively leave in the autumn of that year, in company with Her Majesty’s sloop “Plover,” should that ship be still at Behring Straits.