

dogs should be largely employed for auxiliary purposes in the proposed Arctic Expedition.

I am therefore directed by their Lordships to request that you will move the Secretary of State to cause a request to be made to the Danish Government to authorise their agents to collect at Disco, Pröven, and Upernivik about 20 dogs at each place, 60 in all, and four dog sledge drivers and hunters who can speak Esquimaux and who have some knowledge of English. These should all be ready by the 15th June 1875.

I am, &c.

The Under Secretary of State,
&c. &c. &c.
Foreign Office.

(Signed) ROBERT HALL.

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO SECRETARY OF ADMIRALTY.

No. 2.

SIR,

Foreign Office, 30th January 1875.

I AM directed by the Earl of Derby to request that you will inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the Danish Government have expressed their readiness to do all in their power to assist the Arctic Expedition, and are prepared to carry out, to the best of their ability, the wishes expressed in your letter of the 5th ultimo, respecting the collection of dogs, sledge drivers, and hunters.

The note from the Minister for Foreign Affairs, however, of which a copy is enclosed, shows that it is feared that dogs may be difficult to find, and that it is not clearly comprehended what is the number of men required. If under these circumstances the Lords Commissioners should desire any further intimation of their wishes to be sent to Copenhagen, it would be as well that this office should be informed at an early date, as the Danish Government proposes to send their instructions about the middle of next month.

I am, &c.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

(Signed) TENTERDEN.

(Enclosure to Foreign Office Letter.)

(Translation.)

SIR,

Copenhagen, 23rd January 1875.

I HAVE the honour to send you information conveyed to me by the Minister of the Interior upon the subject of your letter of the 14th of last December, relating to the measures to be adopted to second the Arctic Expedition now fitting out in England.

The Minister of the Interior is quite disposed to do all that lies in his power to conduce to the assistance asked for, in the matter of dogs and sleigh drivers, being given to the expedition at due time; but having, in view of the sickness which, for several years, has raged among the Greenland dogs and the consequent dearth of good sleigh dogs, especially in Upernivik and Pröven, he is not prepared to promise distinctly that the desired number shall be placed at the disposal of the chief of the expedition.

As regards sleigh drivers and hunters, the Minister of the Interior, who has understood your note in this sense, that only four of these men were necessary in all, and not four at each of the three named stations, doubts the possibility of finding this number of individuals possessing the indicated qualifications and inclined to charge themselves with the service in question.

Persuaded, however, that a certain number of dogs can be procured, and considering as probable that some Greenlanders or Danes can be found who, at least to a certain extent, possess the desired qualities, the Minister of the Interior will take immediate steps to send the requisite instructions to competent employes in Greenland as soon as he shall have been informed that, within the limits above indicated, the Government of Her Majesty desires the measures in question to be taken.

Begging you therefore, M. le Chevalier, to be good enough to cause me to be informed of the view taken by your Government in the matter, I desire to add that, as the instructions to the Greenland employes cannot be sent before the middle of next month, it is little probable that the preparations in question can be completed before the 15th of June at Pröven and Upernivik, which stations letters can hardly reach before that time, unless indeed their transmission is by means of the English Expedition itself.

I have, &c.

Sir C. Wyke, K.C.B.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) ROSENÖRN LEHN.