

MEMORANDUM ACCOMPANYING THE  
INSTRUCTIONS.

“ We deem it advisable that the ship should be in Beering's Strait by the 10th of July, and that she should remain at some appointed rendezvous until the end of October, or to as late a period as the season will admit, without incurring the risk of being obliged to winter there.

“ At present we know of but one place on the eastern shore of the strait which we can recommend as a rendezvous for both parties, viz. Kotzebue's Sound; there it appears the ship may remain with all winds. Desirable as it is to take up a more northerly position than this, in order that the voyage of Captain Franklin's party in open boats may be shortened; yet, admitting the possibility of deep inlets on the coast, it is evident that the boats of Captain Franklin would have more difficulty in searching for the ship in them than in proceeding at once to the above-mentioned sound; and the certainty of finding the ship at a fixed point would be more satisfactory to Captain Franklin.

“ In order, however, to lessen as far as possible the difficulties of the land party (still preserving the fixed rendezvous), it is recommended that a party, well armed, and having a supply of provisions and fuel, shall be left at Chamisso Island with a boat; or, if it be necessary, the defences of the island may be strengthened by the two fore-castle guns, which, with a strong boat's crew, will be sufficient to protect the only landing-place in the island against