

ARCTIC REGIONS.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 1 August 1853;—for

COPIES “of the SAILING ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS to Commander *Inglefield*, of Her Majesty’s Ship ‘Phœnix,’ employed in the Arctic Regions :”

“Of the INSTRUCTIONS to Mr. *Kennedy*, in command of the ‘Isabel,’ which vessel is also employed in the Arctic Regions :”

“Of any ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS given to Captain *Collinson*, of the ‘Enterprise,’ of a later date than the 15th day of January 1850 :”

“And, of any REPORTS received from Captain *Collinson* of a later date than the 9th day of July 1851.”

Admiralty, }
19 August 1853. }

JOHN JONES DYER,
Acting Chief Clerk.

SAILING ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS to Commander *Inglefield*, of Her Majesty’s Ship “Phœnix.”

By the Commissioners for Executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, &c.

WHEREAS we have appointed you to the command of Her Majesty’s Ship “Phœnix” for the purpose of proceeding to Beechey Island, in Lancaster Sound, to communicate with Sir E. Belcher, or the ships under his command.

2. You are hereby required and directed, so soon as the “Phœnix” shall be in all respects ready, and the “Breadalbane” transport, which is to accompany you, shall be loaded with coals and other stores, to proceed to sea, and to make the best of your way to the before-mentioned island. In the execution of this service you will use your utmost exertion to expedite your passage, and afford every aid and assistance to the transport, so as to reach Beechey Island at the earliest possible period.

3. We have also ordered the “Diligence” dockyard transport to be loaded with coal to accompany you to the Island of Disco, or any other place which you may consider most convenient, and we have added 10 men to the establishment of the “Phœnix” for the purpose of forming her crew. On arrival at Disco, or at such other place, you will replenish your coal from her, and shift her crew (except one or two men) to the “Breadalbane,” and leave the “Diligence” at that place until you return, or otherwise act as the circumstances of the case may require.

4. The most essential duty on your arrival at Beechey Island will be at once to clear the transport of the coals and stores ; no delay whatever is to take place
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in effecting this, and relays of men are to be employed; the stores are to be landed on the island or to be put on board the "North Star," as may be considered most advisable, according to the circumstances of the case. On the transport being cleared, she is, without a moment's delay, to be directed to proceed to England, and your most especial duty, or that of the senior officer present, will be to carry out these orders.

5. Part of the stores on board the "Phoenix" may also be landed, or placed on board the "North Star," except what may be required for the return passage to England; and having obtained all possible information from Sir E. Belcher, or the senior officer at Beechey Island, with reference to the expeditions and the discoveries which may have been made, and exchanged any officers or men whose state of health may render it necessary that they should return to England, you are immediately to proceed to sea, and to return to Woolwich with all possible dispatch, taking the utmost care that your delay at Beechey Island be not extended to such a period as may risk the ship being frozen in for the winter.

6. Should the state of the ice in Baffin Bay be such as to render it doubtful whether you will be able to make your passage across to Lancaster Sound during this summer, it is our most positive direction that you are on no account whatever to run the risk of either the "Phoenix," or the transport, being frozen in and detained during the winter of 1853-54; and if you should consider there is a chance of such being the case, you are immediately to send the transport to Woolwich, and also return there with the steam-vessel under your command. But if you should get through Baffin Bay, and find Lancaster Sound closed, so as to prevent your making the passage to Beechey Island, you are to consider whether it will be possible to land the stores, coal, &c., at or near Cape Warrender, and from thence to send the transport direct to England, and to take such steps as you may deem necessary, so as, if possible, to communicate overland with Beechey Island.

7. You are distinctly to understand that the principal and chief object of your orders is to communicate with Beechey Island, for the purpose of landing stores and obtaining information, and from thence to return direct to England. But should the season prove to be a very open one, and on your return from Beechey Island you should have an opportunity of examining the coast in the vicinity of Cape Walsingham, we do not object to your doing so, but on no account are you to risk the safety of the ship or your being detained, as you must positively return to England this season.

8. We herewith send you instructions to Sir E. Belcher, or the senior officer at Beechey Island, which you will deliver on your arrival.

Given under our hands this 11th day of May 1853.

(signed) *J. R. G. Graham.*
Hyde Parker.
M. F. F. Berkeley.
R. S. Dundas.
Alex. Milne.

To Edw. A. Inglefield, Esq.,
Her Majesty's Steam Sloop "Phoenix,"
Woolwich.

By command of their Lordships,
(signed) *R. Osborne.*

INSTRUCTIONS to Mr. *Kennedy*, in command of the "Isabel," employed in the Arctic Regions.

None given by the Admiralty.

ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS given to Captain *Collinson*, of the "Enterprise," of a later date than the 15th day of January 1850.

— None. —

REPORTS received from Captain *Collinson* of a later date than the 9th day of July 1851.

— None. —

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COPY of the SAILING ORDERS and INSTRUCTIONS to Commander *Inglefield*, of Her Majesty's Ship "Phœnix," employed in the Arctic Regions.

(*Captain Jones.*)

*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
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