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SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1819.

At the Court at Carlton-House, the 19th of March 1819,

PRESENT,

His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT in Council.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Memorial from the Commissioners appointed by Act of Parliament for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, dated the 4th of last month, in the words following, viz :

“ Whereas by an Act of the fifty-eighth year of His present Majesty, intituled “ An Act for more effectually discovering the Longitude at Sea, and encouraging attempts to find a Northern Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and to approach the Northern Pole,” it is provided, that, for the encouragement of persons who may attempt the said Passage, or approach to the Northern Pole; but not wholly accomplish the same; the said Commissioners may, by their Memorial, propose to His Majesty in Council, to direct and establish proportionate rewards to be paid to such person as aforesaid, who shall first have accomplished certain proportions of the said Passage or Approach:”

And whereas it appears that the progress of discovery has already advanced on the Eastern Coast of America, and within the Arctic Circle, as far as 90 degrees West Longitude, or thereabouts, from Greenwich; and Northwards has not yet arrived, according to any well authenticated accounts, so far as 81° of North Latitude:

We, your Memorialists, beg leave most humbly to represent these particulars for your Royal Highness's consideration, and to submit, with all humility, whether your Royal Highness may not be graciously pleased to establish the following scale of rewards, to be

allotted according to the intentions of the Act:

1.—To the first ship belonging to any of His Majesty's subjects, or to His Majesty, that shall reach the Longitude of 110° West from Greenwich, or the Mouth of Hearne's or Coppermine River, by sailing within the Arctic Circle - £5,000

To the first ship, as aforesaid, that shall reach the Longitude of 130° West from Greenwich, or the Whale Island of Mackenzie, by sailing within the Arctic Circle - £10,000

To the first ship, as aforesaid, that shall reach the Longitude of 150° West from Greenwich, by sailing Westwards within the Arctic Circle - £15,000

The Act having already allotted to the first ship that shall reach the Pacific Ocean by a North West Passage the full reward of - £20,000

2.—To the first ship, as aforesaid, that shall reach to 83° of North Latitude - £1,000

To 85° - £2,000

To 87° - £3,000

To 88° - £4,000

The Act having already allotted to the first ship that shall reach to or beyond 89° the full reward of - £5,000

His Royal Highness the Prince Regent having taken the said Memorial into consideration was pleased, in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, and by and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to sanction and approve of, and doth hereby sanction and approve of, the scale of rewards proposed in the said Memorial.

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