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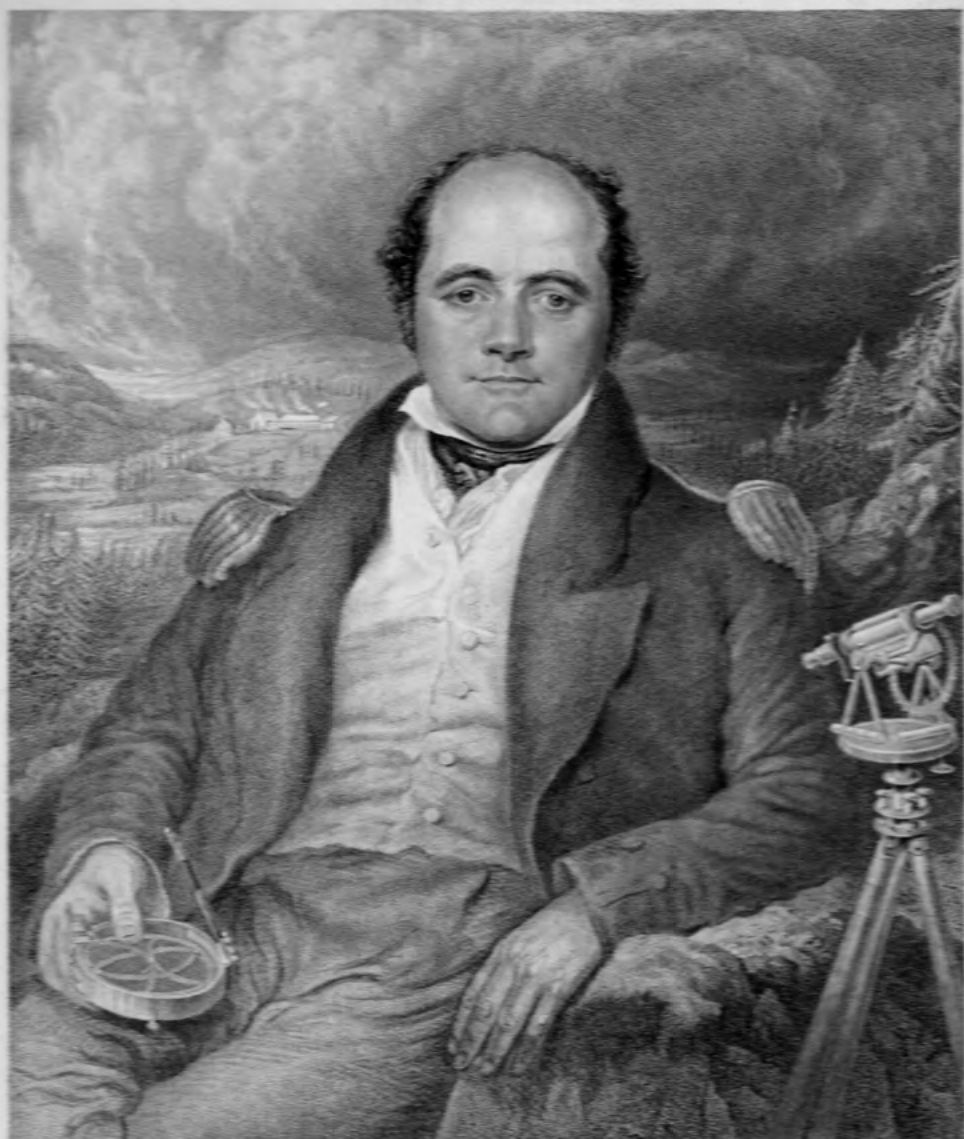
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CAPT^T FRANKLIN, R.N. F.R.S.

*Commander of the Land Arctic Expedition
with 'Fort Enterprise' in the high ground*

Bert Plimer (1929-2009), born in North Berwick, Scotland. At age sixteen he left home and joined the British Army, thus beginning his journey which eventually had him in Ottawa in the fifties, where as a photojournalist and freelance camera man and film maker, he founded Plimer Productions Limited. He worked briefly for famed photographer Youssuf Karsh. He covered the national political scene on Parliament Hill for 30 years, working on the hill and travelling with Prime Ministers Diefenbaker, Pearson and Trudeau across Canada as well as to many other countries. He and Liz Greene, his partner of thirty-six years, began frequenting my store in 1973, then at 732 Bank Street and as Bert's interest in the Arctic and particularly in the Franklin search and the North-

West Passage began, we saw Bert on a more regular basis starting about 1975.

Both he and Liz were interested in these subject(s) and both were avid researchers, especially on the search material on Franklin. They were always willing to share their discoveries. Bert looked for the finest copy available but was aware that an acceptable copy of a rare book would do until a better one appeared. We shared the opinion that not having the money is never a good excuse for not buying a really rare book. You do what you have to do to make it work. Bert, sometimes with Liz's help, researched every detail of his books from his reference library at home and he made

many visits to the National Library. He enjoyed any finds in this regard and always had a keen eye for any associations or bibliographic curio and took delight in telling the story in the right audience.

Bert had integrity, was always good humoured and was always on time to go to lunch which we did frequently. We near-

ly always talked books, the trade, and some travel or birding trips. He had a profusion of stories especially the travel parts with the politically famous and infamous. He told a joke better than most but more importantly he told any story well. He had great curiosity and listened to and remember your answers. He combined this with an excellent memory, never forgot a phone number no matter how far back and could read a document on your desk upside down. He had no relatives but he had an ex-

traordinary number of friends.

Bert met the Queen, the Pope, Prime Ministers, many celebrated political commentators and journalist. Invariably any place you mentioned, he had been to. I mentioned Victoria Falls in Africa; "flew over it 1963..." ; was trapped in the desert south of Cairo with another journalist, in a wobbly jeep with a driver who turned out to be even more wobbly than his vehicle. Bert was widely known and widely liked in the trade . To Clive Gilbert, our estimable cataloguer, he talked about the British Army in the Middle East and Kenya. To Liam, "the young fella" whose hand he crushed in his handshake as a child, as a



teenager, and still as an adult, he talked about the trade, about the business. What would we all give to have him walk in and say "Time for lunch with your best friend today".

Bert was widely known and warmly greeted. I think his interests in Antique porcelain, in Canadian painting and latterly book collecting added a great deal to his person and to his life. I know many fellow collectors and many dealers will read this brief biographical note with a smile.



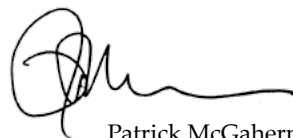
INTRODUCTION

What happens when you get all the great rarities in one catalogue? Books that you have seen once or twice in forty-four years. Books that you would be happy to have one or two of in any catalogue, as a highlight. How often are you allowed to say "one of the great rarities among Franklin search books". I would say, any bookseller, tall or small, would be very lucky indeed to be able to say it once in a career. This is that catalogue, beyond rare.

I knew Bert Plimer as well as any man could know a friend, but I had no idea of the strength, length and scope of this collection. While I was responsible for a good many of these books, the majority came from all corners of the world, but of these, primarily from England. When you see things one at a time, the compounding of the years is surprising. This collection still surprised me.

While these kind of claims are nearly always too grand or wrong or even silly, still it has to be said that this, to date, is the greatest collection of rare books on Franklin Search and the North West Passage. With the assistance of Marian, Liam, Clive Gilbert and Jeremy Scharf, it has taken nine months to produce this catalogue. Often a day or two was spent researching one book. The two hundred plus illustrations probably took two months of production time. Of course, the research part is the fun part especially for any aging bookseller.

All of us have enjoyed this experience. While we strive for some kind of perfection which is never quite achievable, I am left with a favourite axiom, from the title of a book on Newfoundland "Troubles and many as various, but the odd devil likes it". I trust you are among the devils.



Patrick McGahern

Please Note. A few conventions. Some of these books are not to be found in the standard bibliographies and have little or no price references. Many more are located only in one or two. The references consulted are all the standard bibliographies. On line we will have checked WorldCat; Amicus (National Library of Canada) and several major non-reporting libraries, like British Museum Library, University of Toronto etc. In most cases we have checked the following price references: American Book Price Current; auction records from 1975-2012. A&E, historical auction records back to 1900. Also other internet sites using crawlers such as megasearch, which check all on line sites such as ABE, Amazon, Alibris etc... Citing all these references in every entry becomes long and tediously repetitive and most entries in the catalogue do not display this information. However, we have recorded it in a blind

comment field in the master catalogue and we can make price and bibliographic information available on request.

I don't know how many times I have used the term rare or very rare, not a term we use lightly. The majority of this material one would not see once in ten years, many once in forty years and a good few maybe never. In my own case after cataloguing in this subject for forty-five years there were probably 25% I have never seen or had. Much of the periodical material, long ignored, is now nearly impossible to find.

The Arctic Blue Papers. Who has ever seen this many in one listing? Five or six would be impressive today, but twenty-six! After a few different tries I have listed these chronologically by A.B. number. For a number of reasons not first apparent this makes sense.

Periodicals are listed under subject ie(Kane), with the main article listed first. If a periodical has more than one subject, it is then listed under Periodical.

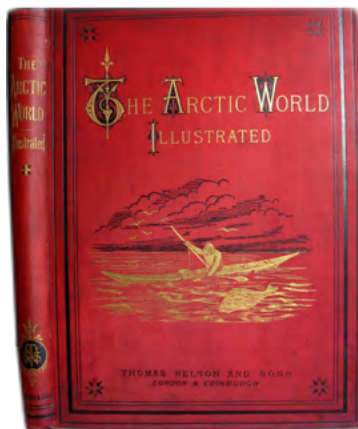
Finally we do everything we can to get a fair and equitable distribution of the catalogue, but as always there are some items that many people want and there is always a rush as the catalogue starts. We anticipate many times more of this on this catalogue. Some will be disappointed. A rare book is not only rare it is desirable. Sometimes extremely desirable. That fact makes and drives the market. We trust you will enjoy this catalogue.



1. **[ADAMS, W.H.D.]**

The Arctic World: Its Plants, Animals and Natural Phenomena. With a Historical Sketch of Arctic Discovery. London, Edinburgh and New York. T. Nelson and Sons. Nd. c. [1880], [2],viii,9-339p., with 24 full plates and 119 large wood engraved illustrations, map, in the original red cloth, upper cover attractively blocked in black and gilt with decoratively lettered titles, and a large gilt pictorial of an Eskimo in a kayak about to harpoon a large fish, spine blocked in gilt with a large Eskimo in furs at foot of spine, bevelled boards, a.e.g., a fine copy 300.00

New and enlarged edition with a Narrative of the British Polar Expedition of 1875-76, and other recent voyages. - This book was designed to address the fascination of the Arctic region held for the public in the late 19th century. "the wonders of sky and sea and land; the glories of the aurora; the beauty of the starry Arctic night; the majesty of iceberg and glacier; the rugged dreariness of the hummocky fields of ice; the habits of the Polar bear, the seal, and the walrus; the manners and customs of the various tribes which frequent the shores of the Polar seas and straits; ... ". (Preface)



JOHN MASEFIELD'S COPY WITH HIS BOOKPLATE

2. **[ADAMS, W.H.D.]**

Recent Polar Voyages. A Record of Discovery and Adventure. From the Search after Franklin to the British Polar Expedition: 1875-1876. By the author of "The Mediterranean Illustrated", "The Arctic World" &c. London. T. Nelson and Sons. 1880. thick 12mo. 19cm, 663,[4] p., ads., with 61 plates from wood-engravings, folding colour map, in original attractive pictorial brick brown cloth, gilt and black decorations, borders and illustrations on the spine and upper cover, blind decoration on the bottom board, bevelled boards, a fine copy - bookplate of John Masefield "From the Library of / John Masefield/ O.M., Poet Laureate" on the front paste-down 200.00

A.B. 14303. "History, with chronological list, of voyages 1845 to 1875.

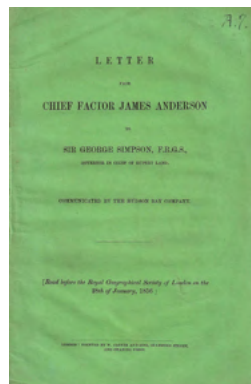
IN SEARCH OF SIR JOHN FRANKLIN

3. **ANDERSON, James, Chief Factor**

Letter from Chief Factor James Anderson to Sir George Simpson, F.R.G.S., Governor in Chief of Rupert Land. Communicated by the Hudson Bay Company. Read before the Royal Geographical Society of London on the 28th of January, 1856. (cover title). London. [Royal Geographical Society] printed by W. Clowes and Sons. [1856]. 8vo, 22cm, the first edition, 8p., in the original printed green wraps with the title on the upper cover, string tied, a fine copy, the first separate edition, very rare 4,500.00

Preserved in dark blue cloth pamphlet case with interior folder over flaps and black leather labels with gilt titles on the spine and upper cover, fine.

A.B. 445. RGS transaction pagination is v26, pp18-25; Amicus, 1 copy. "Concerns an expedition lead by James Anderson

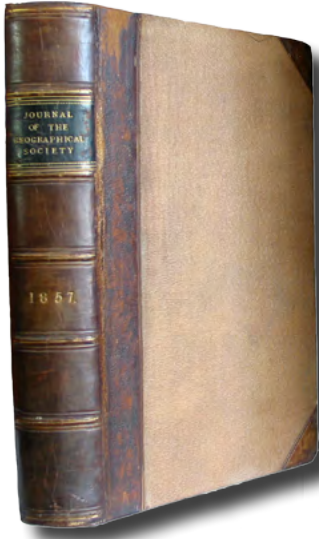


to verify a report that Sir John Franklin and his crew had perished near the estuary of the Great Fish (Back) River. cf. DCB. IX p6. WorldCat locates 3 copies but only 1 is the first separate edition. It is in the Fisher Rare Book Library.

No other standard reference located. Not in A.B.P.C., A&E, Fitzgerald, Decker, Eberstadt, T.P.L., Peel, Lande, Gagnon, Howes, M.B.A, Johnson, JPMc 59-217. No online price references located.

Contains a report (in brief) of the journey in 1855 from Great Slave Lake, via Back River to Chantrey Inlet and the islands at its mouth, in search of Sir John Franklin. (AB).

4. **ANDERSON, James, Chief Factor**



“Extracts from Chief-Factor James Anderson’s Arctic Journal” pp321-328. . In: The Journal of the Royal Geographical Society, Volume the Twenty-Seventh. 1857. Edited by Dr. Norton Shaw. London. John Murray. [1857]. 8vo, 398p., many maps, index, in calf binding rebaked in roan with the original spine relayed, gilt and blind ruled raised bands, black leather label, gilt titles, brown cloth boards, very good to fine, - May Fluhmann’s Copy with her signature and bookplate on the front endpapers 350.00

A.B. Communicated to the society by Sir John Richardson, that section of Anderson’s “Black River Journal of 1855”, relating immediately to the search for Sir John Franklin from Elliot Bay to Point Ogle on Chantrey Inlet, and on Montreal Island.

This volume contains other major articles including: Explorations into the Interior of Africa, by Dr. David Livingstone (349-387); Descriptions of Vancouver Island, by W. Colquhoun Grant, (268-320). In all, 17 articles, index, 14 maps and plates.

5. **ANONYMOUS.**

The Franklin Era in Canadian Arctic History 1845-1859. A Symposium Sponsored by the National Museum of Man, Ottawa, Canada, June 7-8, 1984,. Programme and Abstracts. Np. National Museum. [1984]. 8vo, 21.5cm, 28p., list of participants, illustrated stiff printed wraps, fine 15.00

6. **ANONYMOUS. [Arctic Childrens Book].**

Arctic Voyages; being an Account of Discoveries in the North Polar Seas in 1818, 1819, & 1820, with an Account of the Esquimaux People. Compiled from the most authentic sources. London. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 1848. 24mo, 14cm, first edition, 163,[4]p., engraved text illustrations, in the original dark plumb cloth, elaborate blind stamped border and border decorations on the boards, gilt spine titles, some slight wear on the top and bottom spine edges else a fine copy, rare 400.00

A.B. 656. Not in T.P.L. WorldCat: previously published in London, and in Dublin, in 1831. Nine listings but only one for this 1848 edition. “Extracts from narratives of the Ross voyage of 1818, and Parry’s voyages 1819 and 1820, recast in a question-and-answer style for young people”. (AB).

WITH HAND COLOURED LITHO FRONTIS VIEW

7. **ANONYMOUS. [Franklin Relief Expedition].**

Arctic Miscellanies. A Souvenir of the Late Polar Search. By the Officers and Seamen of the Expedition. London. Colburn & Co. Publishers. 1852. 8vo, 21.5cm, first edition, xviii,347p., with hand colour tinted litho. frontis view & 10 text illustrations from engravings, title vignette, original wavy-grain finished off-white cloth, (simulating vellum), gilt stamped titles, borders and ship decorations on the spine and boards, a.e.g., dust worn still a very good to fine copy in the original publisher's binding of the first edition 1,500.00

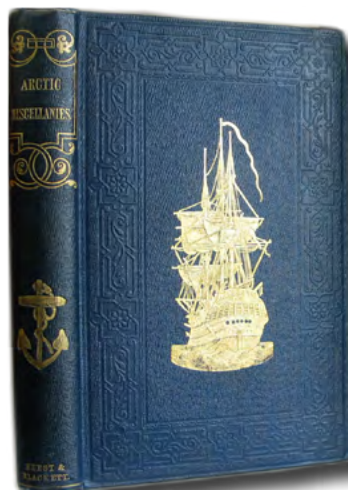
A.B. 651. Lande 926. T.P.L. 3128. "A collection of articles extracted from a manuscript newspaper called 'Aurora Borealis', published monthly and edited by one of the officers of the Assistance, Resolute, Pioneer and Intrepid during the expedition under Sir H.T. Austin in search of Franklin, 1850-51, in Canadian Arctic waters. The collection includes a variety of whimsical and informative articles by members of the expedition, on animals and birds, sledge journeys, entertainment, history, and the Eskimos, etc.". Contributors include Ross, Ommaney, M'Clintock, Caton, Meesham, May, Osborn, Brown, Donnet, Ede, Markham. The first edition was published the same year. One source lists Dr. James J.L. Donnett, as editor.



8. **ANONYMOUS. [Franklin Relief Expedition].**

Arctic Miscellanies. A Souvenir of the Late Polar Search. By the Officers and Seamen of the Expedition. London. Colburn & Co., Publishers. 1852. 8vo, 22.5cm, Second Edition, xxiv,347,[1]p., with hand coloured tinted litho. frontis view & 10 text illustrations from engravings, title vignette, in the original wavy-grain dark cloth, wide blind stamped decorated borders on the boards, gilt titles and illus (anchor) on the spine, gilt ship illustrations on the upper cover repeated in blind on the bottom, in later slipcase, a mint copy of the scarce second edition

1,100.00



THE NORTH-WEST PASSAGE DISCOVERED

9. **ARMSTRONG, Alexander**

A Personal Narrative of The Discovery of The North-West Passage; With Numerous Incidents of Travel and Adventure During nearly Five Years' Continuous Service in The Arctic Regions While in Search of The Expedition Under Sir John Franklin.

London. Hurst and Blackett, Publishers, Successors to Henry Colburn. 1857. 8vo. 22.2cm, the first edition. xxii,[2],616p., lithographed frontis view and lithographed folding colour map, rebound in light blue green half calf, gilt ruled raised bands, gilt device decorations in the panel centers, dark blue crushed morocco label, marbled boards, some foxing on the preliminaries inc. the frontis, tissue guard and the map, spine slightly sunned, a very good copy, rare 4,000.00

T.P.L. 3408. Not in Lande. A.B. 682. Sabin 2017. Story p477. First Edition of this account, by the surgeon-naturalist of the H.M.S. Investigator, of the expedition under command of Sir Robert John Le Mesurier M'Clure, sent to continue the search for the missing Sir John Franklin by way of Bering Strait. It was on this voyage that the North-West Passage was discovered, for which M'Clure and his crew shared a reward of ten thousand pounds. The expedition discovered Prince of Wales Strait between Banks and Victoria Islands before being blocked by ice less than thirty miles from Viscount Melville Sound.

The narrative details the exploration by sledge parties of Banks and Victoria Islands, the 'freezing in' and abandonment of the Investigator at Bay of Mercy in 'Banks' (later renamed M'Clure) Strait, and the crew's rescue by the 'Resolute' in 1854. Also included are details regarding weather and ice conditions, flora and fauna, Esquimaux, and the health of the crew.



10. [ARCTIC PRINT]. BAXTER, George

[The Arctic Expedition in Search of Sir John Franklin. 1850. 342]. A colour engraving of an event on the Franklin Search Expedition of 1849 under Sir John Ross. The illustration shows seamen fighting polar bears on an ice floe. In the distance are shown the ships *Enterprise* and *Investigator*". Although untitled and unsigned, a copy in the British Museum is captioned "A Relief Party in Search of Sir John Franklin" and credited to George Baxter. A vivid Arctic portrayal with the artist obtaining further colour effects by adding northern lights in the background.



[London]. N.p. [1850]. 16x 20cm, (print size), matted on stiff board, light foxing to matting not affecting print, no auction and listing located. very good to fine

450.00

A fine example of the letterpress process of George Baxter (1804-1867) for mass producing colour prints in oil based inks. cf; Victoria University, E.J. Pratt Library, Starr Collection, 342. See also. Evans. *British Polar Explorers. Britain in Pictures Series...*

11. ASHWORTH, William B.

Ice. A Victorian Romance. Kansas City. Linda Hall Library. 2008. oblong8vo. 102p. Numerous illustrations, many in colour, maps, stiff illustrated wraps, Fine - An exhibition of rare books from the collection of the Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering and Technology that chronicles the search for a Northwest Passage from 1818 to 1860, and the search for the lost Franklin expedition.

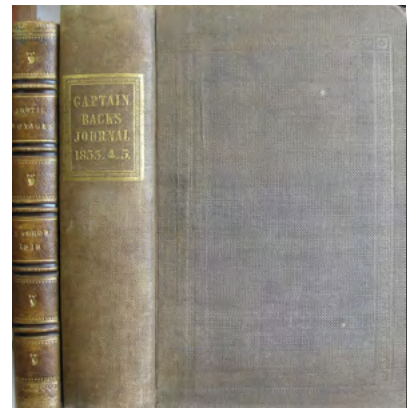
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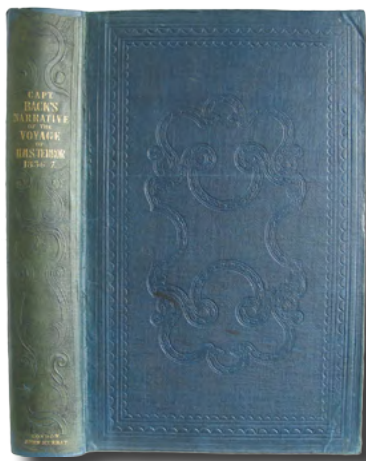
12. BACK, Capt. [George]

Narrative of the Arctic Land Expedition to the mouth of The Great Fish River, and Along the Shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the years 1833, 1834, and 1835. London. John Murray. 1836. 8vo. 22cm, (tall copy), The First Edition, x,[1],663,p., with 16 engraved plates and a rear folding map, in the original light brown cloth, gilt spine titles, expertly restored, some slight foxing on the plates (less than usual), a fine copy

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A.B. 851. T.P.L. 1873. Lande 935. Sabin 2613. Wagner-Camp 58b:1. Streeter 3705. - Back, who had been on both Franklin expeditions, was sent out to locate Ross, who had been unreported through three winters. News of Ross's safe return reached Back in April 1833 and he then pursued the expedition's secondary objectives. These were, firstly, to navigate the length of a river supposedly arising in the neighbourhood of the Great Slave Lake and running north to the Arctic Sea, and then, secondly, to map as much as possible of the sea-coast. He was successful in both objectives, travelling 7,500 miles in total and traversing the full 440-mile length of the river (known as 'Thluetessy' by the Indians). The Great Fish River, as Back named it, has since become known as The Back River.



13. BACK, Captain [George]

Narrative of An Expedition in H.M.S. Terror, undertaken with a view to Geographical Discovery on The Arctic Shores, in the years 1836-7. London. John Murray. 1838. 8vo, 22.3cm, the first edition, vii,456,iv] p., ads., with 12 lithographed plates & a rear folding map, in the original blind decorated dark blue green cloth, gilt spine titles, bookplate, tear at the folding of the map expertly repaired, an excellent copy, rare 3,000.00

A.B. 850. T.P.L. 2033. Sabin 2617. Story p44.

Back was a British naval officer and artist who made many Arctic sketches. He gained his first experience of the north in 1818 while serving under John Franklin in the unsuccessful polar expedition of Capt. David Buchan. He was with Franklin on the Arctic coastal survey of 1818-22 from the Coppermine River, and on an expedition (1825-7) by way of the Mackenzie River, when he worked under Sir John Richardson on the

eastward survey. In 1833 Back was given command of a privately financed but government assisted expedition to search overland for Sir John Ross who had left England in 1828. This was his second expedition and he had been instructed to complete the coastal survey from the west coast of Hudson Bay to Point Turnagain on the Kent Peninsula, the easterly limit reached on Franklin's survey. The vessel was severely damaged by ice off Hudson Bay where she was held for ten months, and Back was forced to return to England.

Back is said to have learned watercolour techniques while a prisoner of war in France (1809-14), and was the most important Arctic topographer of his day.

14. BACK, George

Arctic Artist. The Journal and Paintings of George Back, Midshipman with Franklin, 1819-1822. Edited by C. Stuart Houston, commentary by I.S. MacLaren. Montreal & Kingston,... McGill-Queen's University Press. 1994. 4to. 27.5cm, first printing, xxviii,403p. with 50 plates and illustrations reproduced from Back's own sketches (including 40 colour plates), 4 maps, appendices, notes, index, fine in fine colour illustrated jacket (as new) 50.00

'Arctic Artist' is the liveliest and most complete account of Sir John Franklin's tragic first expedition to the Arctic. George Back's prose captures the drama of the journey, while his superb water-colour sketches reveal the beauty and wonder of this northern land. Published for the first time, this is the complete text of Back's journal.

15. [BACK]. Periodical. [by John Barrow].

Art. VI. - Journal of the Arctic Land Expedition to the Mouth of the Great Fish River, and along the shores of the Arctic Ocean, in the Years, 1833, 1834 and 1835. By Captain Back. ... London. Quarterly Review, LVI(CXI), April, 1836. 8vo, 21cm, pp278-330, extracted, in moderate stiff wraps with paper label on the cover - May 3006. 75.00

16. BARR, William

Arctic Hell-Ship. The Voyage of HMS Enterprise 1850-1855. Edmonton. University of Alberta. 2007. tall8vo, 25cm, first edition, xiv,318p., with 17 illustrations, 5 maps, notes, bibliography, index, blue cloth, fine in fine jacket 40.00

The story of the Royal Navy expedition to search for Franklin by Captain Collinson in the HMS Enterprise. The expedition involved three winters in the Arctic and the author addresses the problems of tensions among the crew arising from boredom and monotony.

17. BARR, William, (Editor)

Searching for Franklin: The Land Arctic Searching Expedition. James Anderson's and James Stewart's Expedition via the Back River, 1855. London. The Hakluyt Society. 1999. tall8vo, 24.5cm, xv,292p., with 13 plates (maps & portraits), biblio., full index, original full dark blue cloth, gilt spine titles and gilt (ship) decoration on the upper cover, a fine copy in fine jacket (as new) 35.00

18. BARRINGTON, D[aines].

The Possibility of Approaching The North Pole Asserted. By the Hon. D. Barrington. A New Edition, with An Appendix, containing Papers on the Same Subject, and on A North-west Passage. by Colonel Beaufoy. London. Printed for T. and J. Allman. 1818. 8vo, 21.6cm, 2nd edition, xxiv,258,[3]p., ads., title-page vignette and engraved folding frontis map, complete with half-title, in contemporary half blue black calf and green patterned cloth boards, raised bands, gilt decorations in the panels, double crushed crimson morocco labels, marbled endpapers, inner linen hinges, expertly rebacked, t.e.g., small (1.5" x .5") stain on the map at the gutter, not into the text, some slight foxing on the map, very good to fine copy 500.00

T.P.L. 477. A.B. 1092. Sabin 3629. Originally issued in 1775-6, it was republished by Colonel Mark Beaufoy, in response to renewed interest in the Arctic generated by Scoresby's reports that the ice was receding. As well, there was interest in the preparations for the expeditions of Ross and Buchan. The appendix reviews the probability of reaching the North Pole from the Island of Spitzbergen by means of reindeer during the winter months.

19. BARRON, William, Capt.

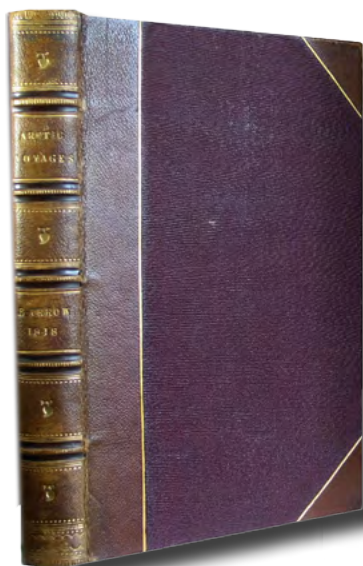
An Apprentice's Reminiscences of Whaling in Davis's Straits... Hull Barque True-love... 1848-1854. Facsimile Reprint of Hull, 1830. 68p., K Book Editions, York, nd. dark blue grey cloth, fine in fine jacket 30.00

20. BARROW, John

Voyages of Discovery and Research within The Arctic Regions, from the year 1818 to the present time: under the command of the Several Naval Officers employed by sea and land in search of a North-West Passage from the Atlantic to the Pacific; with two attempts to reach the North Pole. Abridged and Arranged from the Original Narratives, with occasional remarks.

London. John Murray. 1846. 8vo, 22.5cm, first edition, xiv,530p. engraved frontis portrait, map and rear folding map, in contemporary half brown morocco, gilt decorated and black ruled raised bands, small gilt device decorations in the panels, gilt titles, gilt ruled borders on the pebbled maroon cloth boards, marbled endpapers and edges, signed binding "W. Townsend & Son, Sheffield", a near fine attractive copy 850.00

A.B. 1096. Sabin 3669. Contains a detailed account of the principal British expeditions from Ross in 1818 to those of Back and Simpson, 1836 - 39. The final chapter includes criticism of Ross's Second Voyage, to which Ross replied with his Observations on a Work... Barrow had been Ross' antagonist since his first voyage and apparently remained so until Barrow's death in 1848.



21. BARROW, Sir John

An Auto-Biographical Memoir of Sir John Barrow, late of the Admiralty; including Reflections, Observations and Reminiscences at Home and Aboard, from Early Life to Advanced Age. London. John Murray. 1847. thick8vo, 22cm, first (sole) edition, xi,515, 16p., ads., engraved frontis portrait (slightly foxed), in the original blind decorated dark blue green cloth, gilt spine titles, some slight edge wear on the top and bottom of the spine else a fine copy, scarce 500.00

**22. BARROW, John**

A Chronological History of Voyages into the Arctic Regions; undertaken chiefly for the purpose of Discovering a North-East, North-West, or Polar Passage between the Atlantic and Pacific: from the earliest periods of Scandinavian navigation, to the departure of the Recent Expeditions, under the orders of Captains Ross and Buchan. London. John Murray. 1818. 8vo, 21.2cm, the first edition, [iii],379,48p. appendices, engraved folding frontis map and 3 text illustrations, in contemporary half brown morocco grain calf, black ruled & gilt decorated raised bands, gilt decorations in the panels, gilt titles, cloth boards, marbled endpapers and edges, fine 900.00
Lande 940. T.P.L. 4846. Sabin 3660. Not in AB.

"Barrow, who had made one whaling voyage to Greenland in his youth, was appointed Second Secretary to the Admiralty in 1804 and served for the next forty years. He used his position to become the prime advocate of British polar exploration in the first half of the 19th century, and was, with William Scoresby Jr., the man behind the opening salvo, the first voyage of John Ross, and that of Buchan in 1818. Point Barrow, Cape Barrow, and Barrow Straits... attest to the estimation in which his friendship was held by the explorers of his time". (DNB) In the present work, his object was to present a succinct, knowledgeable list of explorations in the Arctic regions and to put into perspective the relative importance of the various voyages. Appendix I, is a description of Buchan's expedition into the interior of Newfoundland.

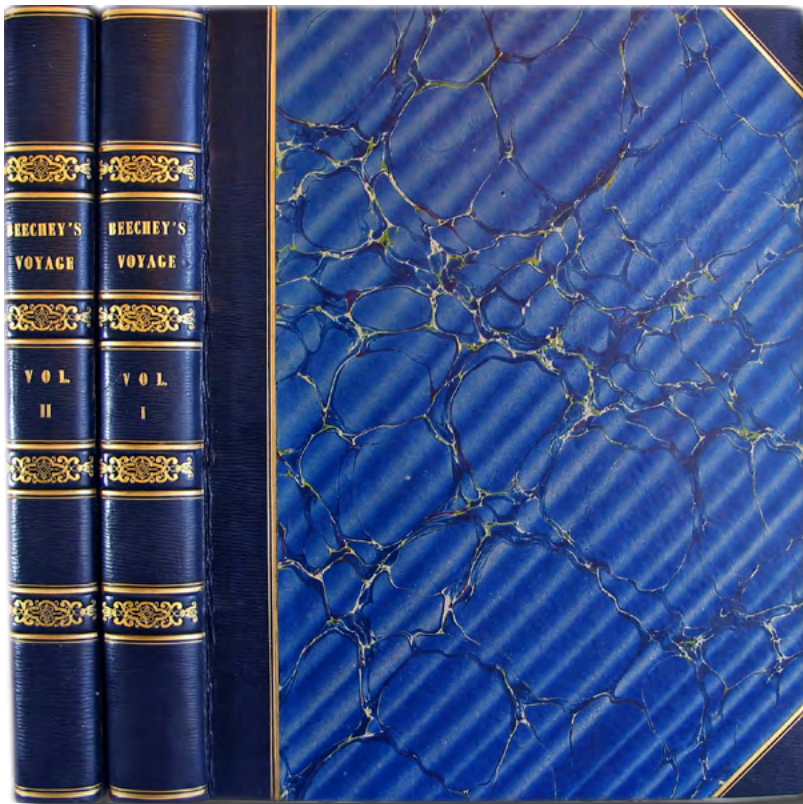
23. BEARDSLEY, Martyn

Deadly Winter. The Life of Sir John Franklin. Annapolis. Naval Institute Press. 2002. 8vo, 23.5cm, first U.S. edition, xiv,272p., with 20 illustrations, double-page map, appendices, bibliography, index, crimson cloth, fine in fine jacket ~ A new biography of Sir John Franklin including Royal Navy service at Copenhagen and Trafalgar; the first circumnavigation of Australia with Flinders; the governorship of Tasmania; and Franklin's Arctic expeditions. An Appendix includes lists of officers and crew of the "Erebus" and "Terror" on the 1845 North West Passage Expedition. 25.00

ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE OF MODERN VOYAGES**24. BEECHEY, Captain F. W.**

Narrative of a Voyage to the Pacific and Beering's Strait, to co-operate with The Polar Expeditions: performed in His Majesty's Ship Blossom, under the command of Captain F.W. Beechey, R.N., in the years 1825, 26, 27, 28.

London. Henry Colburn & Richard Bentley. 1831. 4to. 26.6cm, the first edition, in 2 volumes, xxi,[2],392 & vii,[1],-393-742pp., with 3 engraved maps, (2 are folding maps), & 23 engraved plates, complete with half-titles, bound in half blue black straight grain calf, wide gilt decorated and ruled raised bands, gilt titles, blue marbled boards, a fine clean set attractively bound, the plates were expertly restored, the rare first quarto edition 8,500.00



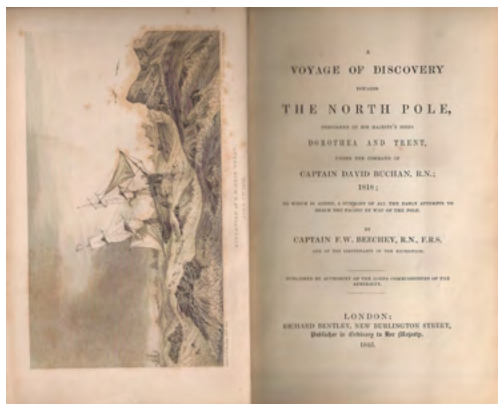
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A.B. 1227. Lande s161. Hill 93 . Sabin 4347. Howes B-309. Lada-Mocarski, 95.

So-called Admiralty edition, issued in a quarto format, preceding the octavo edition of the same year.

Beechey's book is one of the most valuable of modern voyages and relates extensive visits to Pitcairn Island, Easter Island, the Tuamotu Archipelago, the Society Islands, the Mangareva (Gambier) Islands, Tahiti, Alaska, Hawaii, Macao, Okinawa, and the coast of California.

Beechey was ordered by the Admiralty to Bering Strait as a relief expedition to await the separate expeditions of Captains Franklin and Parry, who had sailed in 1824 to search for the Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean. He was to meet them at Kotzebue Sound in July of 1826. After visits to Tahiti and Hawaii, Beechey heard at Kamchatka that Parry had turned back, but he waited at Kotzebue Sound for Franklin, who never arrived, during the summers of both 1826 and 1827. Near Point Barrow, Alaska, Beechey and Franklin had arrived within fifty leagues of each other, when the latter was compelled by weather to turn back. Beechey's work provides an important account of Monterey and San Francisco before the American conquest and gives his impressions of the missionaries in San Francisco. Blossom Rock in San Francisco Bay is named for his ship. Beechey also describes the Eskimos of the north. At Pitcairn Island, he met with John Adams, last survivor of the mutiny on the *Bounty*, who gave him a lengthy account. In the Tuamotus Beechey discovered Vanavana, which he named Barrow Island, after Sir John Barrow; he also touched at Cockburn Island, Bram Martin Island, Melville Island, and Crocker Island.

25. **BEECHEY, F.W.**

A Voyage of Discovery towards The North Pole, performed in his Majesty's ships Dorothea and Trent, under the command of Captain David Buchan, 1818, to which is added, a summary of all the early attempts to reach the Pacific by way of the Pole. By Captain F.W. Beechey. London. Richard Bentley. 1843. 22cm, the first edition, ix,[1],351p., with 6 lithographed plates (including 2 elongated folding plates), folding map, in the original blind stamped green cloth, gilt spine titles, binding generally faded, earlier expertly restored, some slight foxing on the frontis & 2 plates, (as usual), a very good sound copy of a scarce book

2,250.00

A.B. 1230. Not in Lande. T.P.L. 1132. Hill 97. This was half of a two-pronged effort (the other being John Ross' expedition to the Canadian Arctic) marking the beginning of renewed British interest in the northwest passage and the Arctic in general. Buchan was fully expected to sail over the north pole and meet Ross in the Bering Sea, however he got no further than Phipps had forty-five years earlier.

Beechey sailed on the Trent, under the command of Captain John Franklin, on this voyage to discover a passage to the Pacific via Arctic waters.

26. **[BEECHEY]. Bershad, Sonia S.**

The Drawings and Watercolours By Rear-Admiral Frederick William Beechey, F.R.S., P.R.G.S. (1796-1856) In The Collection of The Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary. Offprint. Arctic. 25.5cm, V33. [1970's]. pp117-167, with 37 illustrations and plates, stapled, printed upper wrap as issued, fine

30.00

Note to Subscribers: This reprint supercedes the text printed in the March issue of Arctic (V.33 n.1):

27. **[BEECHEY]. by George Peard**

To the Pacific and Arctic with Beechey. The Journal of Lieutenant George Peard of H.M.S. 'Blossom', 1825-1828. Edited by Barry M. Gough. Hakluyt Society. Cambridge, at the University Press. 1973. 21.5cm, 272p. frontis & 2 plates & 2 folding maps (on one sheet), bibliography, fine in fine jacket

35.00

28. **BEESLY, A. H.**

Sir John Franklin. London. Marcus Ward & Co. [1881]. 12mo, 17.5cm, the first edition, 238p., with 2 maps, (one double-page), index, in contemporary full hard polished green calf, gilt ruled raised bands, gilt decorations and borders in the panels, crushed crimson morocco label, gilt ruled borders on the boards, gilt crest on the upper cover, marbled endpapers and edges, in signed prize binding: Bickers & Son, London, some slight edge wear, a fine copy

125.00

A biography of the life of Franklin which concentrates mainly on the expeditions in the Canadian Arctic, the search for him and his crew.

29. **BEESLY, A.H.**

Sir John Franklin. (The New Plutarch, series). New York & London. G.P. Putnam's Sons. N.d. [1890's?], 12mo, 17.5cm, 238,[2]p., ads., with 2 maps (inc. 1 double-page folded), original black decorated grey cloth, fine

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AMONG THE BEST OF THE ILLUSTRATED ARCTIC BOOKS

30. **BELCHER, Captain Sir Edward**

The Last of the Arctic Voyages: Being a Narrative of the Expedition in H.M.S. Assistance, under the command of Captain Sir Edward Belcher, in Search of Sir John Franklin, during the years 1852-53-54. With Notes on the Natural History, by Sir John Richardson, Professor Owen, Thomas Bell, J.W. Salter, and Lovell Reeve. London. Lovell Reeve. 1855. sm4to, 25.6cm, tall copy, The First Edition, in 2 volumes, xx,383,(24) & vii,419,pp., publisher's ads., with 11 full colour lithographed plates, 25 litho plates (inc several tinted and scientific), and 4 maps (3 folding), 25 wood engraved text illustrations, in the original blind decorated wavy grain (moiré) dark blue cloth, gilt spine titles, gilt illustrations of "Bellot's" cenotaph memorial on the upper covers, expertly restored, new endpapers, complete with half-titles, a fine attractive set 4,200.00

Abbey Travel. 645. A.B. 1241. T.P.L. 3409. Sabin 4389. Not in Lande. Hill (3)-106. Narrative of the five ship expedition under Belcher's command, in search of Franklin. The colour lithograph plates are, with the exception of the view portfolios of Creswell, Browne and May, the most attractive illustrations to grace an Arctic narrative

since the coloured aquatints of the earlier Ross and Franklin voyages. Belcher was forced to abandon four of his five ships to the pack-ice just off Melville Island. Over one year later an American whaler, one thousand miles south, in David Strait found the Resolute less the crew, drifting towards them. It was returned to the United States where it was sold to the American government; after restoration it was presented to the British government. When it was retired and stripped down, oak from its planking was used to make a desk which was presented to the American Government and it is still in use today in the White House.

Halifax-born Belcher gained considerable distinction as a surveyor in the royal navy. He served under on the western Arctic coastal survey in 1825-27, and subsequently headed surveys of the west coast of North and South America and in the South China Sea. In 1852, he was placed in command of an expedition of five ships (Resolute, Intrepid, North Star, Assistance and Pioneer) to search in the Canadian Arctic for Sir John Franklin, missing since 1845. Belcher records his sailing through Wellington Channel and discovery of Exmouth and North Cornwall Islands and the Belcher Channel leading to Jones Sound.

Also described is the meeting and rescue of Commdr. Robert McClure of the Investigator on northern Banks Island by the western arm of the expedition under Henry Kellett. Belcher's decision to abandon four ships icebound in Wellington Channel in 1854 led to his court-martial, and despite his acquittal, he continued to be severely criticized in England. Weather and ice conditions are recorded throughout, as well as optical phenomena, natural history, scurvy, etc., and a summary of results of Franklin's search expeditions to date. Appended are several scientific reports on natural history: John Richardson's on fishes, J. W. Salter on fossils, Lovell Reeve on shells, Thomas Bell on crustacea, etc.



31. BELLOT, Joseph Rene

Journal d'un Voyage aux Mers Polaires execute a la recherche de Sir John Franklin, en 1851 et 1852. Precede d'une notice sur la vie et les travaux de l'auteur par M. Julien Lemer. Paris. Perrotin. Libraire-Editeur. 1854. 8vo. 22cm, the first edition, lvi,414p. plus folding map (which also contains on the first panel a facsimile of a letter from the author), steel engraved frontis portrait, complete with half title, in contemporary quarter tan calf, gilt device decorations in the panels, black leather label, marbled boards and endpapers, small library stamp on the verso of the title and map, small scuff on the bottom of the spine, a fine copy 900.00

A.B. 1304. T.P.L. 3232. Lande S169. Smith 747. An account of the second voyage of the Prince Albert, outfitted and dispatched by Lady Franklin under command of William Kennedy. It describes the voyage to Prince Regent Inlet, establishment of a base on Somerset Island, overland trips in Peel Sound and the discovery of Bellot Strait. The journal abounds with observations on ice conditions, wildlife, climate, and the Arctic natives. Bellot was killed in 1853 by falling through a crevasse while accompanying Inglefield on his second expedition in the 'Phoenix'.

THE VERY RARE FIRST ENGLISH EDITION**32. BELLOT, Joseph Rene**

Memoirs of Lieutenant Joseph René Bellot, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Member of the Geographical Societies of London and Paris, Etc., with His Journal of a Voyage in the Polar Seas, in Search of Sir John Franklin.

London, Hurst and Blackett, Publishers. 1855. 12mo, 19.5cm, in 2 volumes, vii,391,[1],16 & 403,[1],23,[1]pp., (ads.), engraved frontis portrait in volume one, in the original brown cloth, blind stamped decorations and borders on the boards including gilt decoration of Bellot memorial repeated in blind on the bottom board, gilt spine titles in frame border on the spine, original coated blue endpapers, lacks half-titles, a fine set a very rare book 6,500.00

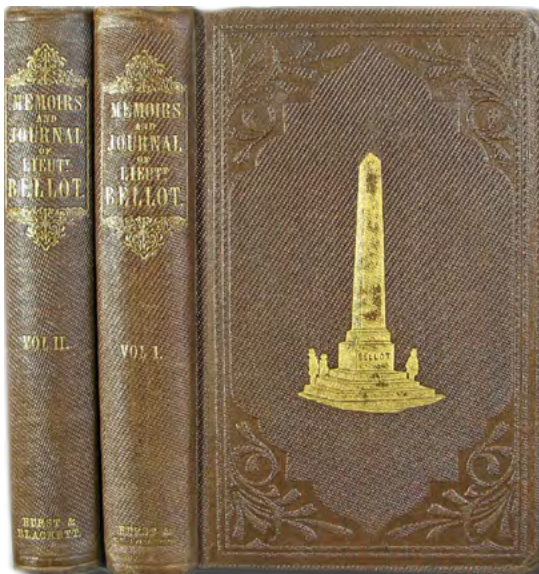
The only other copy of this title we have had also lacked the half titles; perhaps it was issued without half-titles.. A.B. 1305. T.P.L. 8402. Sabin 4566. Not in Lande.

First published in French a year earlier, this account describes the second voyage

of the Prince Albert, outfitted and dispatched by Lady Franklin under command of Capt. Wm. Kennedy. It describes the voyage to Prince Regent Inlet, the establishment of a base on Somerset Island, discovery of Bellot Strait, etc. It contains observations throughout of flora and fauna, ice conditions, physical geography, climate, and notes on the Eskimo of the Arctic Islands.

Bellot was killed in 1853 by falling through a crevasse while accompanying Inglefield on his second expedition in the 'Phoenix'. "The French service never lost a more chivalrous spirit..." (Kane).

See also the note at Inglefield. Print.



WITH KENNEDY IN SEARCH OF FRANKLIN

33. **BELLOT, Joseph Rene.**

Engraved Portrait. By Stephen Pearce (artist). 'Lieutenant Bellot, of the Imperial Navy of France. Engraved from the Original Picture Painted Expressly for Lady Franklin, is dedicated ... to ... Napoleon the Third, Emperor of the French. London. Thomas Boys & Paris. E. Gambart & cie, 6 April, 1854. Signed on the bottom left corner, J. Bellot, perhaps a relative. A large mezzotint portrait of Bellot by James Scott after Pearce, size 30x 38cm, fine, expertly & tastefully framed 1,200.00

This handsome portrait commemorates Joseph Rene Bellot, 1826-1853. Born and educated in Paris, Bellot joined the French Navy in 1843. In 1851 he volunteered to accompany William Kennedy on the Prince Albert in search of Sir John Franklin, and he sailed again to the Arctic regions in 1853. While on Inglefield's second expedition, he was travelling to bring dispatches to Sir Edward Belcher,

when he fell into a crevasse in the ice near Cape Bowden and drowned; his diary, narrating his Arctic adventures, was published in 1855. The present portrait was engraved by Scott after the original oil painting by Stephen Pearce (1851), which now hangs in London's National Portrait Gallery. - "The French service never lost a more chivalrous spirit ..." (Kane).

34. **BEYNEN, L. R. Koolemans**

De Reis Der Pandora naar de Noordpoolgewesten, in den zomer van 1875. Amsterdam, C.F. Stemler. 1876. 4to, 29cm, 36p., printed in double-columns, rear folding colour map, in the original printed tan wraps, with the title repeated on the upper cover in decorated frame border, very good to fine 250.00

35. **BLAKE, E. Vale (Editor)**

Arctic Experiences: containing Capt. George E. Tyson's wonderful drift on the Ice-floe, A History of the Polaris Expedition, the Cruise of the Tigress, and Rescue of the Polaris Survivors. To which is added A General Arctic Chronology. New York. Harper & Bros. 1874. 23cm, 486,[6],p., with 77 text & full-page illustrations from engravings, map, original brown cloth, gilt titles and gilt pictorial decoration on the upper cover (a polar bear, a hunter, an iceberg, a ship), bevelled boards, some slight wear on the top and bottom spine edges otherwise near fine 225.00

A.B. A narrative, designed to "present in popular form the entire history of the Polaris Exploring Expedition to northwest Greenland; based on notes, etc, made by Captain Tyson, a member of the expedition, and of its ice-floe party, which drifted southward from Smith Sound until rescued, off the Labrador coast by the ship Tigress. Appendix contains text of some of the documents issued in connection with the expedition.

36. BOCKSTOCE, John R. (Edited by)

The Journal of Rochfort Maguire, 1852-1854. Two years at Point Barrow, Alaska, aboard H.M.S. Plover in the search for Sir John Franklin. London. Hakluyt Society. 1988. 8vo. In 2 Volumes, xiv,318 & vi,[-318],584pp., illustrations, maps, including a folding map, blue cloth, fine in fine jackets 75.00

In 1845 Sir John Franklin's expedition left England, searching for a northwest passage, and vanished into the Arctic forever. Three years later H.M.S. Plover's was the first departure of twenty-one expeditions searching for Franklin. Although most of the analyses of the Franklin Search have focused on the large expeditions in the eastern Arctic, the smaller western expeditions also produced significant geographical and ethnographical information. The Plover's voyage of 1848 to 1854 was the first constant presence of Europeans in the western Arctic, and Rochfort Maguire's journal is the earliest account of a sustained foreign association with the Eskimos of northern Alaska. Maguire's journal is far more than an important historical document; it is a fascinating account of Europeans and Eskimos learning to cope with one another.

37. BOCKSTOCE, John R.

Whales, Ice, and Men. The History of Whaling in the Western Arctic. Seattle and London. University of Washington Press, in association with the New Bedford Whaling Museum. 1986. 4to. first edition, 400p. with 8 maps and numerous plates and illustrations, appendices (including glossary), bibliography, black cloth, a fine copy in fine jacket 75.00

38. BRAINARD, David L

The Outpost of the Lost. An Arctic Adventure. Edited by Bessie Rowland James. With salutation by A. W. Greely. Indianapolis. York. Bobbs-Merill Co., 1929. 8vo, 20.5cm, first (sole) edition, 317p., mapped endpapers, original green cloth, spine and cover titles stamped in yellow, edge wear, a good to very good copy, rare (0). 150.00

A.B. 2071. Record of the U.S. Lady Franklin Expedition, 1881-84, of the party's retreat southward from Lady Franklin Bay to Smith Sound and the wait at Cape Sabine for relief ships. Brainard was one of only six survivors

39. BRAINARD, David L

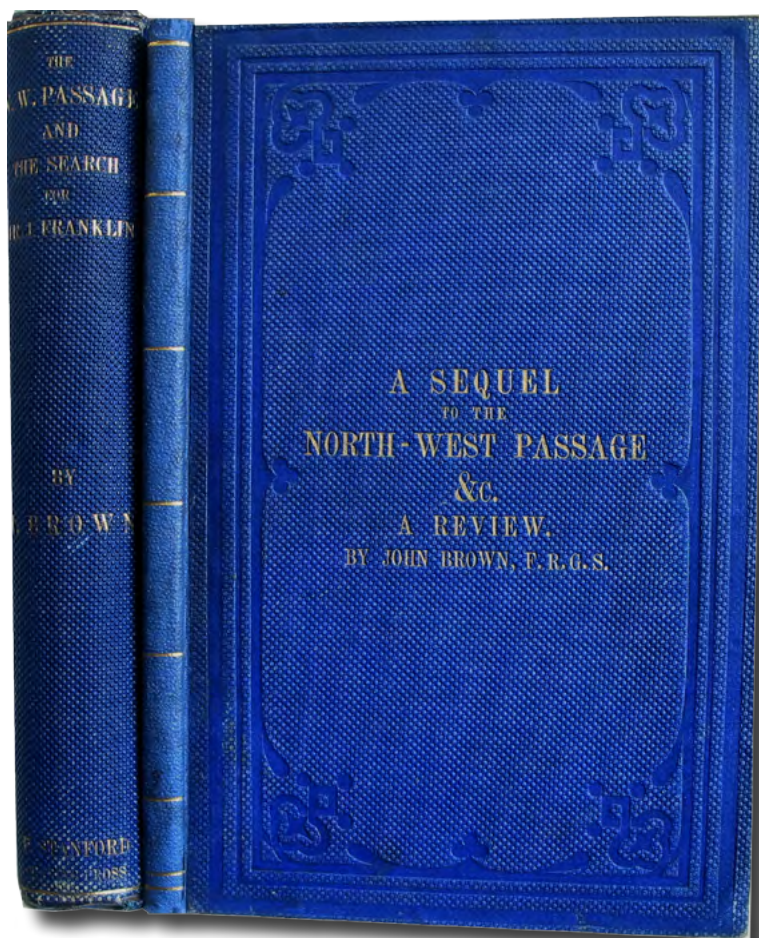
Six Came Back. The Arctic Adventure of David L Brainard. Edited by Bessie Rowland James. Indianapolis & New York. Bobbs-Merill Co., 1940. 8vo, 22cm, first (sole) edition, 305p., plus 12 plates (inc frontis) from photographs, mapped endpapers, original blue cloth, gilt spine and cover titles, a good to very good sound copy, rare 200.00

A.B. 2071. The author's diary, July 7, 1881 - June 21, 1884; his participation and the disastrous retreat over the ice of Kennedy Channel and Kane Basin, to Cape Sabine in Smith Sound. The last four chapters were published as "The Outpost of the Lost..." on the disastrous Greely Expedition to Lady Franklin Bay, 1881-1884.

A RARE BOOK WITH THE VERY RARE SUPPLEMENT**40. BROWN, John**

The North-West Passage, and the Plans for The Search for Sir John Franklin. A Review. ...together with...

A Sequel to the North- West Passage, and the Plans for The Search for Sir John Franklin. A Review. London. Published by E. Stanford. 1858-1860. 8vo, 22cm, the First Edition, with supplement, in 2 volumes, xii,463, & [5],64,[6]pp., v1: tinted litho. frontis view & 2 folding maps, coloured in outline, V2: colour frontis map & folding facsimile, (stabilized old tape stain c.12cm, on one fold), both volumes in original diamond grain blue cloth, blind stamped borders and decorations on the boards, V1: gilt spine titles, gilt medal decoration on the up-



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per cover, unopened, V2. gilt rules on the spine (no titles), gilt titles on the upper cover & gilt medal illus. on the bottom board, both complete with half-titles, both are fine copies, volume one is rare, volume two is very rare 5,000.00

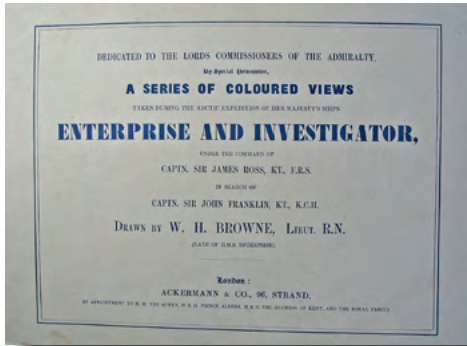
V1, 1858: A.B. 2302. cf. TPL 3706 & 3707. V2, A sequel. Not in A.B. 1-3 nor T.P.L. 3707? cf. Lande S269, for Second Edition.

"A brief account of expeditions in search for the Northwest Passage and of Franklin's last trip; a review of expeditions sent in search of Franklin, 1847-1857. The text ending with a description of McClintock's plans, was written before his search was successfully concluded. The appendix contains minutes of a meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, April 12, 1858, discussing Dr. E.K. Kane's Arctic Expedition in 1855; Voyages and travels towards the North Pole; list of works on Arctic subjects". TPL.

With the supplement this is the same as the second edition. The second edition is considered the better edition, containing the added account of McClintock's voyage of 1857-58, his discovery of Franklin relics, and including the sole written record of the ill-fated expedition.

TEN COLOURED LITHOGRAPH VIEWS OF THE ARCTIC
IN FINE ORIGINAL WRAPS

41. **BROWNE, William Henry**



Ten Coloured Views taken during the Arctic Expedition of Her Majesty's Ships "Enterprise" and "Investigator," under the Command of Captain Sir James C. Ross... Drawn by W. H. Browne, Esq., Lieut. R. N., late of H. M. S. "Enterprise." On Stone by Charles Haghe. With a Summary of the Various Arctic Expeditions in Search of Captain Sir John Franklin...and his Companions in H. M. Ships Erebus and Terror. Dedicated, by special Permission, to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

London, Ackermann and Company. 1850. folio. 37.2cm, 8p., complete with 10 coloured lithograph views on 7 sheets, in the original printed green wraps with the title repeated on the upper wrapper in frame border, some slight occasional foxing on the margins but an amazingly fine copy in its original state, very rare thus 7,500.00

In modern clamshell box bound in quarter dark blue crushed morocco, gilt titles along the spine, dark blue cloth boards, inner linen with acid free heavy stock paper, expertly done.

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Arctic Bib. 2344. Abbey 637. Sabin 8678. Smith 1199. Lande 1003. T.P.L. 3047. The work contains a summary, in French and in English, of the Franklin Search Expeditions in the central Canadian Arctic, especially that of Sir James Clark Ross, in 1848 and 1849, and the wintering at Port Leopold. The aim of Ross's expedition was to follow as closely as possible the supposed track of Sir John Franklin. Browne served on board the "Enterprise," and led one of the four search parties in 1849. The ten attractive lithographed views are of ice and landscapes near Upernavik, West Greenland, and in the region of the winter quarters at Port Leopold, Whaler Point on Somerset Island, and Leopold Island nearby. This the first (the others being Cresswell and May) of the three Arctic view books stemming from the Franklin Search expeditions.



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London, Ackermann and Company. 1850. folio. 37.2cm, 8p., complete with 10 coloured lithograph views on 7 sheets, in the original light green cloth boards rebaced, boards cleaned, titles and flag emblem in gilt on the upper cover, heavily dust soiled across the top margin and along the spine edge and generally on the bottom board, some light foxing (mainly in the margins on the image side) and toning on the plates (similar to other copies we have seen), some off-setting to tissue guards, all edges gilt, overall a very good copy 5,500.00
Arctic Bib. 2344. Abbey 637. Sabin 8678. Smith 1199. Lande 1003. T.P.L. 3047.

These illustrations are from high resolution scans and are excellent copies, however, to the discerning eye, the originals are clearly better.

43. **BRYANT, Henry G.**

Drift Casks in the Arctic Ocean. (cover title). (Paper Read April 3, 1902). Np. Np. 1902. 8vo, 23cm, first separate printing, 8p., original printed wraps, fine plus 25.00

44. **BRYANT, Henry G.**

Drift Casks to Determine Arctic Currents. (cover title). (Read at the VII International Geographical Congress, Berlin, 1899). By... President of the Geographical Society of Philadelphia. 8vo, 24cm, 6,[1]p., one plate with 3 illustrations of Drift Casks, original printed wraps, fine plus 35.00