

Admiralty.

22 May 1854

Dr. Bleek must leave by the Packet
of the 24th Inst: in order to
accompany the African Expedⁿ.

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a letter today that Dr
Bleek has com-
municated been directed
to apply to Sir F. B. B. B.
at the Admiralty.

22 May 22/54

Admiralty-

23 May 1854.

Sir

With reference to your Letter
 of the 20th Instant, I am Commauded
 by my Lord Commissioners of the
 Admiralty to acquaint you for
 the Information of the Earl of
 Aresdon that Discretions have
 been given for Dr Bleek being
 added to the Strength of the
 Expedition about to proceed to
 the Tchadola, being borne as
 Naturalist, and paid at the
 Rate of seven Shillings and a
 Penny a day, for whatever is
 equal to Assistant Surgeons Pay,
 to be paid by the Accountant

E. Hammond Esq
 Foreign Office

General

General of the Navy, and eventually
 received from the Foreign
 office, when Dr. Bleck's employment
 ceased.

I am Sir,
 Your most obedient
 humble servant,
 Wm. Stone

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F.O. May 23rd 1854.

Draft.

Consul Beccroft.
Fernando Po
No 6

Admiralty.

By 22
H 23 May 1854

Rec^d of letters of 20th inst
Necessary orders given
for pay of Dr. Bluck.

Sir,
As the Board of Admiralty have furnished you with detailed Instructions for your guidance in the Expedition to the Tchadda River, which has been placed under your direction, I have no special Instructions to give to you for this Office, or any observations to

to make in regard to your
proceedings, except that
I rely upon your using
your best endeavours
to give effect to the wishes
of Her Mi Goot, as
signified to you by
the Board of Admiralty.

I think it as well,
however, to put you
in possession of the
inclosed Copy of a
Dispatch, which I
addressed to D. Barth.

on

June 10/55

on the 18th of June 1853,
apprizing him of the
intention of Her Mi
Goot to send this year
an Expedition to the
Tchadda.

F. O. May 23rd 1854. 112

Draft.

Admiralty.

Immediate.

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Sir, I am directed by
The Earl of Slenderon
to request that you will
acquaint the Lords
Commissioners of the
Admiralty, that he has
read with much pleasure,
the clear & satisfactory
Instructions, which their
Lordships propose to
give to Mr. Comd. Beecroft,
for his guidance as
Commander of the Tchadda
Expedition, of which a

Copy

Draft.

Comd. Beecroft

No 6

F. O. May 23rd 1854.

Referring him to Adm. Beecroft's report
his conduct rel. to African Expedition; Copy
of Dispatch of June 10/53 to Mr. Beecroft,
being the above subject.

Copy is indlosed in your
letter of the 19th inst:

Signed/

Edmund

Immediate

Admiralty
21. May 1834.

Sir
Having laid before my Lord's
Commons your letter of yesterday with its
enclosure from Mr Consul
Beecham suggesting that he
should be allowed to touch at
the Bonny, & the Brass Rivers
on his way to the Zouma for the
purpose of gaining information
of the state of affairs at those
places. I am commanded to
acquiesce in your suggestion for the information
of the said of Lords and to direct that the
Packet which alone could take
such fresh instructions to the
Pleasant sails from Liverpool
I have accordingly
at
Foreign Office

Drake

Admiralty

Immediate

J.O. May 23rd 1834.

Recd of letter of 19th inst.
Captain, Admiralty Instructions to
Commander, as Command
of the said ship.

at 4 P. M. to day; but that under
any circumstances all the
information that could be
procured at Boumey will be
equally well obtained at Ibo
in going up the Niger, and
this without any unnecessary
detention of the Expedition.

I am, Sir
Your very humble servant,

Wm. Hamel

Admiralty

22nd May 1854.

Immediate.

Rect. of letter of 23rd Inst:
Consul Oucroft must not stop at
the Bonny & Braf Rivers, in
conducting the African Expedⁿ.

Admiralty
1 June. 1854

Sir.

In reply to your letter of
26th ulto transmitting a copy
of a letter from Dr. Vogel,
from Kouka, dated 22nd
February, and an original
Dispatch and Treaty received
from Dr. Barth, dated 3rd
May from Wurro the residence
of the Emir Sokoto, I am
commanded by my Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
to acquaint you for the
information of the Earl of
Clarendon that a note
of the contents of Dr. Vogel's

Letter

E. Hammond Esq
Foreign Office

has been made, and will
 be sent to the Chadda
 Expedition if an opportunity
 offers, and I am comman-
 ded by their Lordships to
 return you herewith the
 Dispatch and Treaty, copies
 of which have been made.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obed. servant

Per Manning

Admiralty

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22 July 1854.

Sir I am commanded by
my Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty to acquaint
you for the information
of the Lord of Clarence, that
Mr Macgregor Laird has
reported to my Lords, that
Mr Beecroft, in consequence
of the state of his health,
would not be able to
accompany the Expedition
up the River Chadala.

I am, Sir,
Yours most obedient Servant.

L. Hammond Esq. M. A. Secy. to the
Foreign Office

Admiralty

1st June 1854.

Ans^r to letter of 26th ulto.; a note
of the contents of D. Vogel's letter
of Feb. 22nd will be communicated
to Chadda Exped^r.

Admiralty
7th August 1854.

Sir

I am commanded by my
Dords Commissioners of the
Admiralty to transmit
to you herewith for the
information of the Earl of
Clarendon, copies of letters
dated the 28th and 29th June last.
from Commander Guller, the
Senior Officer of H. M. Ships
and Vessels in the Rights of Spain
reporting the arrival of the
Schadda Expedition at Fernando
Po. and the arrangements he had
made for the command thereof
in consequence of the death
of Capt. Beecroft.

I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant.

J. Hammond Esq
- Foreign Office W. R. Hamilton Esq

Admiralty

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H 24 July 1854

M^r. Macgregor has
reported that Com^{dr}. Beecroft
is too ill to accompany the
Schadda Expedition.

I will have it in

view to send it

back of office

any more else

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Muswell

H. M. S. Crane 122
Fernando Po. 28 June 1854

Sir.

I have the honor to request
you will lay the following
communication before their
Lordships; the Fore-runner
arrived here on 25th at
4 PM bringing several of
the Niger Expedition. She
sailed from Sierra Leone
on 13th inst. at which time
the Niger Expedition Steamer
Pleidd which left England
on 20th ulto. was lying there
and was to leave on the
same day or day after. She
is of course hourly expected
and I sincerely trust no
accident has occurred.

The Secretary
of the Admiralty

The

Admiralty

27
28 Aug. 1854.

(Two Indlosures)

Copies of Letters to Capt. Miller
Respecting arrival of Tekahda
captured at Fernando Po; & arrangements
made for its command, & transport
upon the death of Cor. Prescott

and 2 Dec 11/54.

Copies of Letters to Sir R. Murchison
Aug 11/54.

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Mistake

The melancholy death of
Captain Brecroft has
deprived the Expedition of
a very able, zealous, and
most efficient leader, and
naturally throws a damper
on all the rest. nevertheless
Captain Brecroft's death might
have happened very shortly
after the Expedition has started
in which case I presume
they would still have
proceeded. All the Instructions
concerning the Expedition
addressed to the late Captain
Brecroft, including their
Lordships official letter of
instructions to him, dated
23rd May /54, have been
perused by me, for as
Senior Officer in the
Right, I have been
solicited to do so. moreover
I find that those attached

to the Expedition, as well as
the Acting British Consul¹²³
and Spanish Governor,
look solely to me as the
proper person in the
absence of higher Authority
to advise what is to be
done, now that poor
Captain Brecroft is no more.

It is of very great impor-
tance should the Expedition
still be undertaken that
no time be lost, Captain
Brecroft had intended
leaving this on 1st Proximo
and imagining their
Lordships will be most
anxious to hear whether the
Expedition proceeds at once
or awaits further orders
from home, I have detained
the Forerunner till 4 P.M.
tomorrow, which is 24 hours
beyond her regulated stay
in hopes of the Pleiads
arrival before that time.

intend appointing Dr. W. B.
Baikie, R.N., to the temporary
command, and on the
arrival of the "Pleiad" I
will, without delay, muster
the whole Expedition, make
what I consider a suitable
address, and lay before them
my ideas, at the same
time as it is possible some
in the Expedition may wish
to proceed, now that
Captain Boscroft is no
more, who were willing
enough to do so had he
lived, I will of course
use no coercion in inducing
them to place themselves
under Dr. Baikie, who
as Medical Officer and
Naturalist has sufficient
work on his hands without
the extra duties and
responsibilities of command,

I have moreover taken ⁴²⁴
into deep consideration the
great expense incurred,
should the Expedition be
deferred for another Year,
likewise the precarious
position of that excellent
and most energetic hunter
Dr. Barth, who left England
for Africa towards the
latter end of July, 1849.

Dr. Baikie is zealous in
the cause and willing
and ready to take by
my appointment, the
temporary charge, all
out here seem to look to
a Mr. Aldfield of African
notoriety, as the best
qualified successor to the
late Captain Boscroft,
and

and I am given to
understand should their
Lordship offer him the
appointment that he is
quite ready to accept
it, I mention this
latter circumstance to their
Lordships, in case they
may not find so soon,
as convenient, a willing
and efficient leader.

I have been
signed - Thos Miller

Commander and Senior
Officer of the Right
Division.

H. M. Stoop (Cane)
Fernando P.

29 June 1854

Sir.

I have very great pleasure
in acquainting you for their
Lordships information that
the Pleiad arrived last
night, and that she
will sail in less than a
week on her uniform; in
my letter of yesterday's date
wherein I mentioned
conferring the charge and
command of the Niger
Expedition on Dr. Baikie. I
beg their Lordships distinctly
to understand I merely
allude to the Government

The Secretary
of the
Administration

Perk

part of the Expedition, the
 mercantile part of it, as
 also the command of the
 'Pleiad', is under Captain
 Taylor; I am glad to
 say they perfectly understood
 their respective positions
 and that unanimity
 and cordiality prevails.

I have to be

Y^{rs} Miller

Commander & Senior Officer
 in the Brights

95. I am supplying the
 Pleiad with detonating
 Tubes for her 12 Pounders
 none having been provided.

Indorse
in: Col. J. S. Keith
of Aug. 7th 1852

Draft

to R. Marchion

2 Admiralty letters
of Aug 7/52

to,

I am directed by the
Earl of Clarendon to transmit
to you, for your information,
copies of two letters,
dated the 28th & 29th of
June last, from Commander
Miller, Senior Officer of
the Ships of the Navy in
the Strait of Bering,
addressed to the Secretary
of the Admiralty, reporting
the arrival of the Scholar
Expedition at Plover Pt.,
and the arrangements
he had made for the
Command of that Expedition
in consequence of the
death

Death of W. Beckett.

I am further directed
to inform you that
Commander Miller's
arrangements have been
approved by the Govt.

Signed/

Eff. are made

Draft
Sir R. Murchison

Draft.

Sir R. Murchison

F. O. August 11th 1852.

Copies of Letters from Mr. Miller,
Commr. of H. M. Ships in Dept
of Berlin resp^g arrange^{ts} he
made for Tchadda
Taped on Mr. Percival's death.

Miller

Gotha, 12. August 1854.

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Sir,

As I am now residing at this place, I beg to request that you will have the kindness to forward any letters that may be enclosed to the Foreign Office from D.^r Barth or D.^r Vogel addressed to myself; - directed to

A. Petermann

Gotha.

I have also been requested by D.^r Ch. Beck, who occasionally receives letters from the travellers, and who is abroad at present, to take charge of such letters as may be addressed to him, and therefore beg the favour of their being likewise forwarded to me.

I have the honour to be

Sir

your most obedient servant,

A. Petermann

Edmond Hamond Esq.