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Consul Secret

for approval

Should he undertake charge of Shadda Expedn<sup>n</sup>, £1 a day will be allowed him; may draw on State for any unavoidable expenses he may incur during Expedn<sup>n</sup>.

9.0. March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1854.

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No 4.

24 March

15 Lansdown Place East,  
Bath - March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1854

Mr. Bell

By 23  
N 25 March 1854

Rec<sup>d</sup> of F.O. letter of 20<sup>th</sup> Inst:  
Is very sorry he cannot accept  
of the Expedition, but grateful to F.O.  
for considering his proposal.

Sir,  
I have had the honour  
of receiving your com-  
munication of 20<sup>th</sup> inst.  
Whilst I deeply regret my  
Lord Clarendon's decision,  
I cannot but feel grateful  
for his kindness in giving  
the subject due consideration,  
and I trust you will ex-  
press to his Lordship my  
heartfelt thanks for his  
condescension. I am Sir,  
Wm. Haddington Esq. Secy. to the Secy. of State  
J. Charles Bell

63 Rapier Barbary

Fernando Po, March 24<sup>th</sup> 1854

My Lord,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships' Despatch, No. 3, of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ultimo, apprizing me that it is the wish of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that I should take command of the Expedition which Her Majesty's Government is preparing to ascend the Niger and Tchadda Rivers, and of your Lordships' concurrence therein.

I have the honor to state that I am willing to undertake that service, and that I shall be ready to embark at Fernando Po, when I may think proper and seasonable to commence the ascent.

I trust, my Lord, that my Instructions will give free scope to my own judgment

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Clarendon.  
&c. &c. &c.

judgment; that they will contain no clause tending in any way to cramp, or frustrate the object of my Mission. I am the more particular in mentioning this, as I know such cases have occurred.

It is my intention to take with me the large Consular Boat, as your Lordship has authorized me to do, and I beg to enclose herewith a demand for necessaries in connexion with her.

I am,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordships' obedient,  
humble servant.

*John Murray*

N. M. Consul.



Demanded for supplies for  
Commodore Boscawen at Fernando P.

Delivered in Council  
Boscawen's Despatches No. 6.

No. 8.

Fernando P., March 21<sup>st</sup> 1861

My Lord,

With reference to my Despatch  
No. 6 of this date relative to the intended  
Niger Expedition, I have the honor to ask  
your Lordships' permission to touch at the  
Bonny and the Prap Rivers en route to  
the Quorra, to inform myself of the state  
of affairs at those places. My touching  
there will cause no detention whatever.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your Lordships' obedient,  
humble servant

*John P. Boscawen*

The Right Honorable  
The Earl of Clarendon.  
&c. &c. &c.

H. M. Consul.

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Haslar Hospital, Gosport

2<sup>d</sup> April 1854

Sir,

Having been informed by Mr Macgregor Laird, contractor for the steamer about to ascend the Tschadda, that the expedition for that purpose will be under the direction of the Foreign Office, I beg leave, respectfully, thus to address you on the subject.

Nearly a year ago I was informed by the Medical Director General of the Navy that I was nominated for this service, but from that time to the present though I have heard from various quarters privately that the expedition is progressing in its equipment, yet I have received no official communication, and although it is I understand, proposed that the party leaves England very shortly, yet I have no idea whether

General Receipt.

No. 8.

Rec<sup>d</sup> 4 Money

By Mail to 'Procurement'

Asking Permission to  
touch at the Army and  
Navy Rooms en route  
to the Quorn.

W. H. Murray

Copy to Mr. J. May 20/54

whether or not I am to accompany it. I have, therefore, respectfully to request that I might be informed if I am to be appointed to it or not, as if I am, it seems to me to be necessary to make various requisite arrangements at once.

Towards the end of February, I was desired, in accordance with the recommendation of Mr Laird, to proceed to Deptford to receive instructions in working the steam engine, but in consequence of a sudden increase of duty here I am prevented from doing so, I have not consequently yet received such instruction. Were I to be appointed, I would, however, immediately place myself under a competent teacher in this place, so that no time might be lost.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Yours very humble servant

W. Macpherson, Esq. - R. N.

Assistant-Surgeon. R. N.

The Under-Secretary  
of State  
Foreign Department



P.O. April 4. / 57<sup>57</sup>

Dr Backus

Si,

In reply to your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup>. instanc, requesting to be informed whether it is intended that you should proceed with the Expedition which is about to be undertaken to the Tchadda, I am directed by the Earl of Macclesfield <sup>to inform you</sup> that his Lordship has caused your letter to be referred to the Lords Comm<sup>rs</sup>. of the Admiralty with the request

Mr Backus. M. D.

(Apicidach Mapern. K. M.)

April 3 1857

My dear Sir: as to whether he is to proceed with the Expedition or not. I have had no opportunity of speaking with him in person as yet.

Copy to Adam 11 Oct 4/54.

London 4 April 1857.

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Backus  
I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup>. instanc, and I am glad to hear that you are about to go out, if not to the Tchadda, I shall be glad to inform you of the result of my inquiries.

request that they  
will communicate &  
join at their earliest  
convenience, their  
intentions with respect  
to your appointment  
to the Zehada  
Expedition.

Yours  
HWA.

P.O. April 4. 1854

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Draft  
Admiralty

Si,

I am directed by  
The Earl of Mendenham  
& transmit to you  
the inclosed copy of a  
Letter from Dr Baekie,  
Assistant Surgeon of  
The Royal Navy,  
requesting to be  
informed whether he  
is to proceed with  
The Expedition which  
is about to be  
undertaken to The  
Zehada as originally  
intended, or not, as  
he has not yet received  
any

April 2/54

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Dr Baekie

3.0. April 4. 1854.

Answer to letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> inst:  
his letter referred to above,  
with request that they command  
to view their intentions with  
regarding the Zehada  
Expedition.

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Dr Baekie  
for approval

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any special intima-

=tion of his appointment  
appears from his statement & he  
and it is important

that he should know  
without further delay

of the fact that is

intended in order that

he make his necessary

arrangements accordingly

-ly. <sup>Please</sup> I am, to request

that you will move

the Lords Commissioners

of the Admiralty - to

cause D. Backie

to be informed of

their earliest conven-

=ience, what are

their intentions with

respect

respect to that gentleman.

I have informed him

that his communication

& Lord Cassendon has

been referred to the

Admiralty.

signed/

M. Addington

Admiralty 61

5<sup>th</sup> April 1854

Sir

Having laid before  
Her Lords Commissioners of the  
Admiralty your letter of the  
4<sup>th</sup> Instant, respecting Dr W. B.  
Baikie, Assistant Surgeon R.N.,  
I am commanded by their Lordships  
to acquaint you, for the information  
of the Earl of Clarendon, that  
Dr Baikie is intended to  
proceed with the Expedition  
about to be undertaken to the  
Zehadda, and has been ordered  
to hold himself in readiness.

I am,

Sir,

H. U. Addington Esq

Your most obedient  
humble servant

Foreign Office  
W. M. Mackenzie

Admiralty

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To Admiralty

Dr Baikie

Admiralty

7.0. April 4. 1854.

Copy of letter from Dr Baikie,  
requesting to know whether he  
is to accompany Richard  
Baikie?

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Dr Baikie



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Shackley

Dear Sir  
Ap's beggar babies has been  
ordered to hold a meeting in  
Kew Gardens for the 14th. September

4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> April 1851

Admiralty

27<sup>th</sup> March 1852

Immediate

Admiralty  
11<sup>th</sup> April 1852

My Lord

I am commanded by my  
Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty  
to transmit to you herewith, a copy  
of a letter from Mr. Macgregor Laird  
respecting the articles which he thinks  
should be placed at the disposal  
of Mr. Consul Beecroft as presents  
for Native African Chiefs; and I  
am to request that you will lay  
the same before the Earl of  
Clarendon, and state that my  
Lord will be glad to have his

The Lord Wodehouse  
Foreign Office

Lordships

Lordships early decision, upon  
the question of these presents being  
provided, and sent out, as  
proposed by Mr. Laird.

I have the honor to be

Your Lordships

Most obedient Servant

Permanently



African Steam Ship Company.

1 Minnie Lane

London Mar: 7: 1854.

Copy

Dear Sir, after the perusal of Sr Barth's Communications to the F. O, and comparing them with former accounts of the description of goods most valued in the interior of Africa by the Chiefs, I beg to annex a list of the articles which I think should be placed at the disposal of Captain Suroft as presents with their estimated cost delivered at Fernando P.

I shall have much pleasure in selecting the goods, which must be of a superior quality, and recommend that they be sent out by the

Sir F. Beaufort Rn

Admiralty

11<sup>th</sup> April 1854

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Copy of a letter from the Secretary  
 laid before the Committee of the  
 Board at the Secretary's disposal for the  
 Native Chiefs' presents to the  
 Secretary

1854  
 Copy of the letter  
 to the Secretary  
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Adm. S.

Packet of this month, which  
leaves London on the 20-

Draw £

(Signed) Macgregor Laird

66  
Presents for native African Chiefs  
Six double barreled mus-  
quet locks - £. 50/- - - - - £ 15-0

Six Muskets and Bayonets - £. 25/7. 10

1 Doz. Carabry Swords

Brass. mounted - £. 30/18. 0

Knives, Razors, Scissors,

& hardware assorted - - - - 10-0

Manchester goods assorted - - - - 20-0

Red cloth - and woollen goods  
assorted - - - - 30-0

£ 100-10

Packing, Freight, & insurance to  
Fernando P - - - - 15/-

Say total estimated cost - £ 120-0.

In addition Captain Beecroft may  
require four or five Hundred dollars,  
in case he has orders to dispatch  
messengers from the Tchadda to  
Kouka & Tripoly -