

Princely State,
25th Jan 1854

My Lord

I would feel much obliged
if Your Lordship would permit
me to see the Despatches received
from Sr Partho, particularly the
one detailing his crossing the
Schadda on his journey to yola,

I would also respectfully
suggest that the Naval Surgeons
who have volunteered for the
Expedition, should make
themselves acquainted with the
Practical working of the
Steam Engine as applied to the
Screw Propeller, either at Her
Majesty's Dock Yards or at the
Manufactory of Messrs Mumpsey's

Tenant Dykes - Sept 17th
 Pair - who the Inquiries for the
 Exploring Capital are Constructing -
 as Circumstances may arise
 which may render that knowledge
 inestimable to them - in the last
 year's Expedition, the Inquiries were
 looked for some time by the
 Medical Officer -

I would also be glad to be
 placed in Communication
 with these Gentlemen, in order
 that their Fabrics and
 Stores should be in accordance
 with their wishes

I have the Honour to remain
 Your Lordships most obed^t Serv^t
 in Allegiance & Loyalty

The R^t Hon^{ble}
 Lord Mordaunt
 & &

H. O. February 4 1854

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Mr Macgregor Laird

Sir,

I am directed by the
Earl of Clarendon to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
25th ultimo, requesting
permission to peruse
the Despatches received
from Dr Barth, giving
the particulars of his
crossing the Schadda
River; and also suggesting
that the Naval Surgeons
who have volunteered
for the Expedition
which

Mr Macgregor Laird.

Dr 25 Jan 1854.
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Wishes to see Sirs: lately we after
Dr Barth; that Naval Surgeons
about to join the Schadda
study the workings of Steam
Engines as applied to Iron Bo-
tellers.

Copy with his
regard to 4 2 1854
copy - sent to
L. P. S. (London) 15
& read
P. S. 1/2
Spec to Admiralty & Dr 25 1/2 1854

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Routage

which you about to send
^{up} the Niger and Tchadda
Rivers may be allowed
to make themselves
acquainted with the
practical working of
the Steam Engine
as applied to the
Screw Propeller, either
at Her Majesty's Dockyards
or at the Manufactory
of Mess^{rs} Humphry's Tennant
& Dykes at Deptford
Pier, where the Engines
for the exploring vessel
are constructing.

In reply I am
to state to you that
the

the Dispatches from J³¹
Barth alluded by you
are at your disposal
whenever you can
make it convenient
to call at the Foreign
Office to peruse them,
and with regard to
your request respecting
the Naval Surgeons,
I am to acquaint you
that Lord Clarendon has
recommended your
suggestion to the favorable
consideration of the
Lords Comm^{rs} of the
Admiralty.

I am further to
add that His Lordship
has

F.O. February 4th 1854
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Admiralty
Immediate

Sir,
I am directed by the
Earl of Clarendon to
transmit to you, the
laid before The Lords
Comm^{rs} of the Admiralty,
the accompanying
Extract of a letter
which His Lordship
has received from
Mr Macgregor Laird,
requesting that the
Naval Surgeons who
have volunteered for
the Expedition which
is

Jan^y. 25/54

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Mr Macgregor Laird

F.O. Feb^y 4. 1854

Enc^l of letter of 25th M^{ch}
May be Dr Partridge's
any day
His suggestion rel: to
the Naval Surgeons
recommended to the
Admiralty

has made known to
the Board ^{of Admiralty} your wish
to be placed in
communication with
the Naval Surgeons who
are to accompany the
Expedition, in order
that you may arrange
with them respecting
their accommodation
and the stores which
they may require
for the use of the
Expedition.

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Mr Macgregor Laird

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Barbary

is to proceed in the
Spring up the Niger
and Tchadda Rivers
may be allowed to
~~study~~ make themselves
acquainted with the
practical working
of the Steam Engine
as applied to the
Screw Propeller, either
at Her Majesty's Dockyards,
or at the Manufactory
of Mess^{rs} Humphrys
Jennant & Dyke at
Deptford Pier; and
further requesting
that he may be
placed

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placed in communication
with those Officers
in order that he may
arrange with them
respecting their
accommodation, and
the stores which they
may require for the
use of the Expedition;
and I am to request
that you will
move the Board of
Admiralty, if they
should see no objection
thereto, to give the
directions in compliance
with Mr Macgregor's
wishes.

Signed W. M. Macgregor

Admiralty, 22 July 1854.

My Lord,

I am encircled by
 my Lord's remembrance of
 the Admiralty to acquaint
 you, for the information of
 the Earl of Clarendon, that
 the question of selecting a
 proper Officer to command
 the Chadda Expedition has
 been under their consideration,
 & they are of opinion that
 Mr. Biscope, who is now
 at the Lord's Lodge House
 doing
 duty in the
 Admiralty Office

Passing

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Admiralty

I enclose

7. O. February 4th 1854.

Case: for Mr. Davis's letter of Jan. 25
 that Naval Surgeons should be in the
 Op. 24th be made acquainted
 with working of steam engines, & also
 Propellers, & what they are, & what
 they may require?

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doing duty as boatswain
 at Bermuda, is the
 most competent person to
 conduct this service. If
 Lord Blandford coincides
 in this opinion, they suggest
 that it would be desirable
 to acquaint Mr. Beersoft
 that the Service Steamer, now
 preparing by Mr. Macgregor
 Laird, will be at Bermuda
 P. for his reception towards
 the end of June, when he
 will receive full instructions
 for

proceeding in her up the
 Chadda River. It might
 also be suggested to Mr.
 Beersoft that he would find
 his own large boat a
 useful auxiliary in the
 Expedition, if taken in tow.

I am to observe that
 it would be desirable that
 the above instructions should
 be sent to Mr. Beersoft
 by the African Mail which
 leaves tomorrow.

I am your
 Obedient Servant
 John Jones

F.O. February 23. 1854
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General Beecroft
Fernando's Co
No 3

in

The Lords
Council of the Admiralty
having represented to
me that they have
had under their
consideration the
question of selecting
a proper Officer to
command the
Expedition which
Her Majesty's Govt is preparing
to ascend the Niger
and Tchadda Rivers,
and

Admiralty

22 Feb 1854

General Beecroft is the
most competent person
to command the Chadda
Expedition

Instructions to be given
to him if F.O. concurs

Instructions to Gen. Beecroft accordingly
Feb. 23/54

Mem^o to get back
from Admiral Beecroft
one Draft of Instructions
which I left with him

50 Miscell
55 Barbary

and their Lordships
having stated that
in their opinion
you are the most
competent Person
to conduct that
Expedition, I have
to acquaint you that
I concur in their
Lordships ~~Lordships~~
opinion; and if therefore
you are willing to
undertake the Service
you are at liberty
to make the necessary
preparations forthwith.

The Screw Steamer
now preparing by
Mr

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Mr Macgregor Laird
for this Expedition will
be at Fernando Po
for your reception
towards the end of
June, when you will
receive full instructions
for your guidance
in conducting the
Expedition.

It has also been
suggested to me that
you would find
your own large
Columbar Boat a
useful Auxiliary in
the Expedition if taken
in tow, and I
authorize your taking
it

it with you should
it be deemed advisable
to do so.

In the event of
your undertaking
the charge of this
Expedition, you will
make the best
arrangements in
your power for the
due and efficient
performance of the
Duties of Her M^{ty}
Consulate during
your absence, and
you will report to
me for my approval
the name of the
Person whom you
propose

propose to leave in
Charge of Her M^{ty}
Consulate. 38

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P.S.

You will receive
Instructions by the
next Mail with regard
to the reimbursement
to you of the expenses
which you may
incur in connection
with this Expedition,
and with regard to
the remuneration to
be assigned to you
for your ^{personal} services.
in the event of your
proceeding

proceeding on this
undertaking, which I
think would greatly conduce
to the interests of science
& the success of the Expedition

J. H. Clarendon

15 Lansdown Place, East
Bath. 40
March 2nd 1834

My Lord, I take the liberty of addressing
Your Lordship for the purpose of soliciting
the favour of being allowed to accompany
the Expedition which Her Majesty's Government
is about to send up the River Schadder.
I believe that, being an experienced Surveyor,
I could render essential service in making
Geographical observations. I ask no pay, as
I should deem the privilege of being permitted
to accompany the exploring Expedition, as a
volunteer, a sufficient remuneration
in itself. It is but right that I should
explain my motives for wishing to embark
in a lucrative profession for an enterprise, so
fraught with danger that few of those who

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Consul Beeroff

No. 3

J. O. February 25. 1834.

It is the most competent person
to take charge of the River Schadder
Expedition. It is submitted that the most
"locum tenens" Instructions will be sent by
the next Mail as to his expenses.

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Consul Beeroff
No. 3

embark in it can expect to return to their native
 shores. In the first place, I have had from
 childhood an ardent and increasing desire
 to visit Central Africa: and, in the second
 place, I should like to afford some assistance
 in extending our Geographical Knowledge,
 opening up new fields for the Commercial
 enterprise of this great Country, and in
 the spread of the Gospel's light amongst those
 benighted beings who now dwell in the valley
 of the shadow of Death. I believe the preaching
 the Gospel in every land to be the great
 and glorious destiny of England, and I could
 forbear expressing an humble hope, that Her
 Majesty's Government will give especial instructions to
 the Officer in charge of the Schadda Expedition to
 prepare the way, as far as possible, for the intro-
 duction of Christian Missionaries amongst
 those Tribes, which may be found desirous

entering into amicable relations with the English
 Shores. I believe there can be no doubt that if
 Christianity were once firmly established amongst
 the populous Tribes of Central Africa, the barbarous
 practice of selling their own relatives as slaves,
 which now prevails to so great an extent, would
 altogether cease, and we should be relieved from
 the expensive and onerous duties which the
 Slave Trade now enforces on us.

I trust your Lordship will pardon the liberty
 I have taken in addressing you; and am
 hoping to receive a favourable answer to my
 application,

I remain,
 My Lord,
 Your very obedient servant
 J. Charles Bell
 Civil Engineer

The Right Honble
 The Earl of Clarendon
 Secy of State for Foreign Affairs.

H. O. March 9, 1854

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Admiralty

Sir,

I am directed by
the Earl of Clarendon
to transmit to you
to be laid before the
Lords Comm^{rs} of the
Admiralty, the
accompanying Copy
of a letter addressed
to His Lordship by
Mr J. C. Bell, a Civil
Engineer, offering
his services gratuitously
to accompany the
Schadda Expedition,
and

March 2. 1854

The Right Honble
The Earl of Clarendon
Foreign Office
Downing Street
London



Mr J. C. Bell

Dr 2 March 1854

Open

Man experienced
Surgeon and Volunter
to join the Schadda
Expedition

Open
Copy to Admiralty March 9/54
Dated March 20/54.

and I am to request
that you will move
Their Lordships to
acquaint Lord Clarendon
whether ~~Mr Bell's~~
~~services are required.~~

They wish to avail
themselves of Mr Bell's
Offer.

J. H. / H. N. Addington

Admiralty
15th March 1854

Sir

With reference to your letter of
the 9th instant enclosing a copy of
a letter addressed to the Earl of
Clarendon by Mr. D. C. Bell a Civil
Engineer offering his services gratuitously
to accompany the Schackel Expedition.

I am commanded by their Lordships
to acquaint you for the information
of Lord Clarendon that Sir George
Hacking has made of the Contractor
for the Expedition whether he could
make room for another person in

addition

H. N. Addington
Foreign Office

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In approval

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8. 8. March 9. 1854

Copy of Mr. Bell's (Civil Engineer's)
letter, offering his services for
the Schackel Expedition. In the
margin?

By Mr. Bell March 20/54

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Buckley

addition to the price which he is
bound to carry - and the nature
of Mr Bell's offer having been stated
to him - he replied in the following
terms.

"However gratifying it is to meet
with such offers, I trust that their
Lordships will not increase the
number of Passengers fixed upon
us, as it could only be done by
overcrowding the vessel, and if
the present exploration is successful
in proving the practicability of
ascending the River without that
loss of life that has affected
former Expeditions, Mr Bell (and
several other gentlemen who have
volunteered

"volunteered their services to me
on the same terms) would have
numerous opportunities of visiting
Central Africa." -

I am

Yrs

Your most obedient servant
Robt. Brown

I am to acquaint you
that the Contractor for
the Expedition having
been referred to in
order to ascertain
whether he could
make room for
another Person in
addition to those
whom he is bound
to carry, he has
replied that it could
not be done without
overcrowding the
Vessel. As such a
proceeding would be
highly objectionable
on an Expedition of
the

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the nature of the one
in question, and
might endanger its
success, Lord Clarendon
desires me to thank
you for the offer
of your services, but
I am at the same time
to state to you that
His Lordship cannot
avail himself of
them.

Yours

W. M. D. H. D.

F.O. March 23. 1854

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Consul Prescott
Fernando Po
No 4

Sir,
With reference to
the Postscript of my
Despatch No. 3 of the
23rd Ultimo, I have
now to inform you
that in the event
of your undertaking
the charge of the
Chedda Expedition, you
will receive, while so
employed, a personal
allowance of £1. a
day, in addition to
your Salary as Her
Majesty's Consul, and
Yours

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Mr. J. E. Bell.

F.O. March 20, 1854.

Recd of letter of 2nd inst: cannot
grant his request to be allowed
to join African Expedition

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Mr. Bell

21. Penkang

You will be at liberty, under the authority of this despatch, to draw upon the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for such allowance on the termination of that service.

You will also be allowed to draw upon their Lordships for the amount of any unavoidable expenses which you may have occasion to disburse in the execution of
Yours

Your Duties while upon that Expedition; and of which you will transmit to me a detailed Account, accompanied by Vouchers, so far as it may be practicable for you to supply them.

Signed
Clarendon