

has appeared to the President and Council, that if the ship required for the proposed service could be provided by the temporary employment of one of Her Majesty's Surveying Vessels now in commission, anything beyond a trifling outlay on the part of the Government would be rendered unnecessary.

"I remain,

"Your obedient Servant,

"W. SHARPEY, M.D.,

"*The Secretary to the Admiralty.*"

"*Sec. R.S.*"

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to consider the Scientific Apparatus it will be desirable to provide for the proposed Expedition. The Committee to consist of the President and Officers, with Dr. Carpenter, Captain Richards, Mr. Siemens, Dr. Tyndall, and Sir Charles Wheatstone, with power to add to their number.

That a sum of £200 from the Government grant be assigned to Dr. Carpenter for the further prosecution of Researches into the Temperature and Zoology of the Deep Sea.

*March 18, 1869.*

An oral communication was made by the Hydrographer to the effect that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty had acceded to the request conveyed in Dr. Sharpey's letter of February 18; that Her Majesty's Surveying-vessel 'Porcupine' had been assigned for the service; and that the special equipment needed for its efficient performance was proceeding under the direction of her Commander, Captain Calver.

*April 15, 1869.*

Read the following letter from the Admiralty:—

"ADMIRALTY, *March 19, 1869.*

"SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence, I am commanded by My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that Dr. Carpenter and his Assistants, who have been deputed by the Royal Society to accompany the Expedition about to be dispatched to the neighbourhood of the Færoe Isles