

“The Committee, having learned that Dr. Frankland has contrived an apparatus for bringing up the deep-sea water charged with its gaseous contents, have resolved to add his name to their number; and they request leave to meet again in order to complete the arrangements and make a final report to the Council.”

Resolved,—That the Report now read be received and adopted, and that the Committee be requested to continue their meetings and report again on the arrangements when finally decided on.

Resolved,—That the following draft of a Letter to be addressed to the Secretary of the Admiralty be approved, viz. :—

“SIR,—I am directed by the President and Council of the Royal Society to acquaint you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that, considering the important scientific results of the Physical and Zoological Exploration of the Deep Sea carried on in 1868 and 1869 through the aid of Her Majesty’s Government, they deem it highly desirable that the investigation should be renewed during the ensuing summer, and extended over a new area.

“The course which it would be proposed to follow in a new Expedition, the principal objects to be attained, and the general plan of operations, are sketched out in the enclosed extract from a Letter addressed to the President by Dr. Carpenter, and have in all points been approved by the Council.

“The President and Council would therefore earnestly recommend such an undertaking to the favourable consideration of My Lords, with the view of obtaining the assistance of Her Majesty’s Government so liberally accorded and effectively rendered on the previous occasions.

“The scientific conduct of the expedition would, as in the last year, be shared by Dr. Carpenter, Professor Wyville Thomson, provided that gentleman is able to undertake the duty, and Mr. Gwyn Jeffreys. It is also proposed that Mr. Lindahl, a young Swedish gentleman accustomed to marine researches, should accompany the expedition as Assistant Naturalist.