

“2. A staff of scientific men, qualified to take charge of the several branches of investigation above enumerated.

“3. An ample supply of all that will be required for the collection of the objects of research; for the prosecution of physical and chemical investigations; and for the study and preservation of the various forms of organic life which will be obtained.

“The Committee would propose that in making this application to the Admiralty, the President and Council should offer their services in suggesting the route which may appear to be most desirable for the expedition to pursue; and also in framing instructions for the officers charged with the several branches of scientific research; with a view to facilitate the preparation by their lordships of their general instructions for the conduct of the voyage to the naval officers commanding.

“With this object, they would propose that a committee should be appointed by the Council, which should include persons thoroughly versed in the various branches of science to be represented in the expedition, who should give their advice and assistance previous to and during the progress of the expedition.

“The President and Council should also express their readiness to select and recommend to their lordships persons qualified to be intrusted with the various branches of scientific investigation to be represented, naming the salaries which may appear to them commensurate with the duties to be fulfilled.

“The President and Council should also, in the opinion of this Committee, recommend that, in accordance with former precedents in regard to expeditions of a similar character undertaken by this and other governments, a full and complete publication of the results of the voyage, with adequate illustrations, should form a part of the general plan; and that the work should be brought out as soon after the return of the expedition as may be convenient.

“It may be well to point out to the Admiralty that the operations of the expedition now proposed should not dispense with such researches of a less laborious character as their lordships might be disposed to make from time to time from either the home or the foreign stations of the British Navy.”

*Resolved*, That this Report be received, and be taken into consideration at the next meeting of Council.