

5. In the event of any unforeseen circumstance, rendering it necessary for you to leave the Expedition, and return to England before its final conclusion, it is their Lordship's desire that you should place Captain Nares in full possession of your views and opinions in regard to the further prosecution of the scientific objects of the voyage, and that the Scientific Staff should in such an event continue their investigations under his directions.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT HALL.

Professor Thomson, F.R.S.,  
Regius Professor of Natural History  
at the University of Edinburgh.

*Professor Thomson's Appointment.*

ADMIRALTY, 1st October 1872.

SIR,—I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that, having decided to despatch H.M.S. "Challenger" on a Circumnavigating Voyage of Scientific Research and Exploration, and hearing from the President and Council of the Royal Society that you are willing to afford your services on such a voyage: They have been pleased to appoint you Director of the Scientific Civilian Staff of the Expedition, giving you the control and superintendence in all matters relating to the scientific duties of the gentlemen who have been appointed to assist you.

2. Your own salary while employed on this service will be £1000 per annum, and the names and salaries of the gentlemen associated with you who have been approved by yourself and recommended by the President and Council of the Royal Society are as follows, viz.:—

Mr. J. J. Wild, Artist and Secretary, . . . . .	£400
Mr. Henry Nottidge Moseley, B.A., Naturalist, . . . . .	200
Mr. John Murray, Naturalist, . . . . .	200
Mr. John Young Buchanan, M.A., Chemist and Physicist, . . . . .	200

Before the ship's final departure from England, their Lordships will cause you to be furnished with such memoranda and instructions as they may deem necessary for your guidance while employed on this service.

It is requested that the receipt of this letter be acknowledged.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT HALL.

Professor Wyville Thomson, F.R.S.,  
&c., &c., &c.

*Appointment of other Members of the Scientific Civilian Staff.*

ADMIRALTY, 1st October 1872.

SIR,—I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to inform you that they have been pleased to appoint you Chemist and Physicist in the Expedition about to proceed on a voyage of scientific research in H.M.S. "Challenger."

While employed on this service, it is expected that you will perform your duties under the superintendence of Professor Wyville Thomson, F.R.S., who has been appointed Director of the Scientific Civilian Staff, and that you will conform to the usages and customs observed on board Her Majesty's ships.

Your salary while so employed will be (£200) two hundred pounds per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

ROBERT HALL.

John Young Buchanan, Esq.

Dr. R. von W. Suhm, Mr. Moseley and Mr. Murray, received appointments as Naturalists similar to the above, with the same salary; and Mr. Wild an appointment as Secretary to the Director, and Artist, with a salary of £400 per annum.