

"I have to add that whatever appertains to the strictly Scientific equipment of the Expedition will, as formerly, be at the charge of the Royal Society.

"W. SHARPEY, *Secretary.*"

A sum of £100 from the Government Grant was assigned for the Scientific purposes of the Expedition.

*May 19, 1870.*

Read the following Letter from the Admiralty :—

"ADMIRALTY, 10th May, 1870.

"SIR,—Having laid before My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 2nd inst., requesting that further researches may be made of the deep sea, I am commanded by their Lordships to acquaint you that they will spare Her Majesty's Steam-vessel 'Porcupine' for this service, and that the Treasury have been requested, as on the former occasion, to defray the expense of the messing of the scientific gentlemen composing the Expedition.

"I am, Sir,

"Your obedient Servant,

"VERNON LUSHINGTON."

"To W. Sharpey, Esq., M.D.,

"Secretary of the Royal Society, Burlington House."