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BACK, George (1796-1878). Topographical Artist.

Originals, 1858. 2 pages. Microfilm, 1819-1835.  
2 reels A-820 and A-821. F.A. #735

Sir George Back (1796-1878) entered the British Navy in 1808 and was promoted to the rank of admiral in 1867. He accompanied Sir John Franklin on several Arctic expeditions and led an expedition in search of Sir John John Ross in 1833-1835. He wrote a "Narrative of and Expedition in H.M.S. ship TERROR in the years 1836-1837".

Microfilmed copies of material relating to the career of George Back, (Reel A-820 & A-821). The material copied includes journals kept on trips to the Arctic, 1819-22, 1827-29, and 1833-35 as well as meteorological notes, and Eskimo vocabulary, a letterbook, 1834-35 and a few miscellaneous items. A list of items copied is available. Originals in the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, U.K. Copied from negative held by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, 1971.

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Letter from George Back to Edward Cooke, a British marine artist which mentions Cooke's polar scene for the Academy, suggests a visit by Cooke to see Back's picture of an iceberg and the H.M.S. TERROR, a ship lost with Franklin expedition in 1858. Acquired in 1977.

Further papers of George Back are to be found in the collection of the Royal Geographical Society (see reel A-864).

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GEORGE BACK PAPERS

The numbers given in identifying the papers are those assigned them by the Scott Polar Research Institute. Manuscript numbers 1-5 are on Reel A-820, numbers 6-8 and 16 are on reel A-821

MS 395/1

Notes on geology, 10 October 1825-13 January 1826

MS 395/2

Letterbook kept by Back during the Arctic Land Expedition, April 1834-May 1835.

MS 395/3

Journal kept during the Arctic Land Expedition, 16 June 1819-19 March 1820

Journal kept on board H.M.S. SUPERB, 7 November 1823-June 1824, on a voyage from Spithead to Gibraltar and the Caribbean.

Notes on astronomy and naval gunnery.

MS 395/4

Rough journal kept during the Arctic Land Expedition from 13 June 1821 to 14 July 1822.

MS 395/5 Parts 1 and 2

Rough journal kept during the Second Arctic Land Expedition under Sir John Franklin, 1825-1827. Part 1 includes notes on a number of subjects including magnetic declination and the aurora borealis.

MS 395/6

Journal proceedings of the Second Arctic Land Expedition, 1824-1826, under John Franklin.

MS 395/7 Parts 1 and

Rough journal of the Arctic Land Expedition in search of Captain Ross, 1833-1855

MS 395/8

Eskimo vocabulary book kept during the expedition of 1833-35

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MS 395/16 Parts 1-3

Meteorological observations made at Fort Reliance 1833-1835.