Regarding historical documents found by G. de. Ville and P. A. Burchard, both of Calgary, while on geological
reconnaissance in the Canadian Arctic Islands.

Final One

Date: July 26, 1960

Location: Cape Pissarvii, Grinnell Peninsula, Demow Island.

Lat: 76°41' North
Long: 93°18' West

The document, originating with Sir Edwarl Belcher, commemorating the
Northeast Division of the Arctic Searching Expedition, was found in a cove
which has been altered by movements in the active layer. It is of the form
of a large stone "rosett" similar to some naturally occurring features
in the arctic. For this reason we investigated.

The message was contained in a metal cylinder (Number 1)
hidden among the stones. The find was fortuitous and depended
upon the length of the sea ice. It was noticed while taking
photos of the stone ring. (See photo attached).

The lowermost left-hand corner is
crempled and partly obscures a
pencilled notation. No attempt has
been made to flatten this portion.
Final Two

Date: July 29, 1960
Location: Cape Hogarth, Devon Island

Lat: 76° 13’ North, Long: 92° 55’ West

This document, by the same author, was found on the coast some distance west of a natural rock formation which Belcher observed and subsequently referred to in his journal as “nature’s own monument.”

A tumble-down cairn of small size was observed and a completely rusted-out cylinders containing a small bundle of old newspaper paper was found at this place. The cylinders contained holes probably caused by wolf bites (they frequently puncture thin cans left in ditches). Some twenty feet inland a second cylinder (Number 2) was found partly buried in gravel. This contained the document, rolled in the coarse paper. The grease on the cylinders was present when found.

Messrs. Ken MacLennan & Mike St. Arnold of Bradley Air Services Corp., Ontario, piloted the aircraft used by our expedition in the Islands and shared the thrill of these discoveries.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sept 27th 1960
Regarding historical documents found by George de Mille and R.A. Rudkin, both of Calgary, while on geological reconnaissance in the Canadian Arctic Islands:

Find One

Date: July 26, 1960.

Location: Cape Disraeli, Grinnell Peninsula, Devon Island.

Lat: 76°11' North

Long: 93°18' West

The document, originating with Sir Edward Belcher, commanding the Northeast Division of the Arctic Searching Expedition, was found in a cairn which has been altered by movements in the active layer. It has the form of a large stone "rosette" similar to some naturally occurring features in the Arctic. For this reason we investigated.

The message was contained in a metal cylinder (Number I) hidden among the stones. The find was fortuitous and depended upon the angle of the sun since it was noticed while taking photos of the stone ring. (See photo attached).

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Find Two

Date: July 29, 1960.

Location: Cape Hogarth, Devon Island.

Lat: 76°13' North

Long: 92°55' West

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A tumble-down cairn of small size was observed and a completely rusted-out cylinder containing a small lump of sodden paper pulp found at its base. The cylinder contained holes probably caused by wolf bites (they frequently puncture tin cans left in caches). Some twenty feet inland a second cylinder (Number 2) was found partly buried in gravel. This contained the document, rolled in the coarse paper. The grease on the cylinder was present when found.

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George de Mille,

September 27, 1960.
Spring, 1853.

ARCTIC SEARCHING EXPEDITION.

Under the command of Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C.B.

North Eastern Expedition. — Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C.B.
South Western Expedition. — Commander Richards.

DIRECTION

H.M.S. Assistance & Tender, Pioneer. Lat 76° 52. 0. N. Lon 97° 0. 0. W.
Winter Quarters, Northumberland Sound.

H. M. S. Resolute (H. Kellett) & Tender, Intrepid. Melville Island line (supposed.)

General Rendezvous — H. M. S. North Star, at Beechey Island, (Depot.)

Left Northumberland Sound, as well

Principal Depot at H. Lady Putlivin Lat. 76° 40' N. Long. 99° 46' W. The angle of entrance to this channel easterly.

Lays Provision remaining

Day Saturday Date 18 Time 5 P.M.

Calm easterly.

Second Cylinder true north from centre — feet.

Condition — all well, having last tea for dinner.

Remarks — no signs known to-day with the exception

Below ice list

Landed with two guns today.

Mr. Longman

Mr. McMillan

Officer in Charge

[H. Briant, Printer H. M. S. Assistance.]
North Eastern Division

It is my most positive command that neither this nor any of the depots established on the N.E. route, and on which the lives of this searching party depend, be touched by any Officer of any Ranks within the limits of my command.

If any of Capt. Collinson's Division should fall in so far to the Northward, they will move on to H.M.S. Assistance in the position named.

This order is given and specially signed by Lieut. Edward Bellin Commanding in Chief within the Arctic Circle until superseded by superior authority.

Captain H.M.S. Assistance and Commanding Arctic Squadron

If any of Capt. Pullen's Division should happen to fall in with any of these Caius he will use his endeavours to communicate with me. Despatches will be forwarded to C.B. Bay by middle of May as per Orders August 14/32.
Arctic Sealing Expedition under the command of Captain Sir Edward Belcher, C.B.

Direction,

Ship "Assistance"—Pioneer"—Wellington Channel.
--- "Resolute" (H. Kellett)—Sealer "Intrepid"—Melville Isthmus
Depot on General Rendezvous—"North Star"—Beechey Island.

Left—Beechey Island 7° 14' 10" W.
Proceeding towards—in R. Digges Bay westery.

Day Monday Date 16 Aug'52 Time Noon
Condition—All well.

Remarks—Landed thinking the monument from Plover Island was a Cairn erected by human hands.

Observe fur seals long hair and broad.

Chief—Sir Edward Belcher, Capt. Officer in Charge.
No. 1
Detonating
Quill Tubes
No. 50
April 1848

Thos. Broughton