

H. B. M. Ship, Becla,
Deptford, Oct. 26th 1807

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 6th of May,
accompanying a Diploma of the Imper-
ial Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg,
and acquainting me with my having
been constituted an Honorary Member
of that Learned Body; which Commu-
nications I have only lately received, on
my return to England from Spitzbergen.

To
M. Le Baron Esq
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I request you will do me the Honor to convey to the President and Members of the Imperial Academy, my assurance of the high sense I entertain of this distinction, and my grateful acknowledgments for this very flattering and honourable mark of their approbation. Such a token of the good opinion of the Academy is indeed most highly valuable to me; especially as proceeding from a Country so eminently distinguished for Enterprises, which have for their object the benefit of Science and the interests of mankind at large. Be assured, Sir, that I shall ever consider this

Diploma

Diploma as one of the most valuable rewards which my humble efforts could have gained for me, and a fresh incitement to future exertions.

Permit me, Sir, also to offer to yourself personally my warmest acknowledgments for the very polite and flattering manner in which you have been pleased to make this communication.

I have the honor to remain,

Sir,

with great esteem.

Your obedient humble Serv^t

William Edward Parry.
captain of U. S. M. Ship Hecla.

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M. Le Baron Sup.
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