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My dear Sir

I have hopes of beating Parry and discovering the North Pole. A day or two after I had the pleasure of seeing you, I went in quest of Bentham's house. I had seen it once and flattered myself in being able to find you. I set the first cruise down with King's Expedition. The next time I hoped the Straits and got into the Polar sea, but could not reach the Pole. But the third and last time I fairly stopped at Mr Bentham's own and found nobody a fortune that will be very likely to attend those Parry should his zeal and perseverance equal mine.

In plain English I made two efforts to see you before I got fairly into Bentham's Gulf, and when I arrived you were in the country.

Shall I not have the pleasure of seeing you, again, before you quit England?

Yours very truly

J. Finimore Cooper