## A Defence.

and Kennedy, been attended to, far more would have been discovered in 1850-52 than was discovered by McClintock's expedition in 1859; indeed no proof exists that there would have been need for such an expedition, much less the several Government expeditions of 1850-54.

VIII.—That, in connection with Lady Franklin's last expedition, in command of Captain McClintock, were the following :—

- (a)—A request from Lady Franklin that Captain Coppin should meet Mr. Charles Dickens, of the "Household Words," so that, through said publication, might be made known the "revelation," and that for the raising of funds to fit out the expedition.
- (b)—That previous to the completion of the arrangements for the expedition, Lady Franklin requested Captain Coppin to send her the child's chart, or, probably, a copy of the same, a copy of the child's descriptive statements having been previously sent to her ladyship.
- (c)—That said chart and statement were in Lady Franklin's possession before, or at, the time when McClintock set sail in the *Fox*, in 1856.
- (d)—Both were in Lady Franklin's possession when McClintock returned in 1859.

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