

with decency and civility, "reverence and respect."

You next proceed* to inform us, that the officers sailed "in the full confidence of attaining the great object of the Expeditions, or at least with the determination of establishing the fact of its utter impracticability."

Whether these your Arctic Prophecies have been fulfilled, in this or any other particular, recent events have rendered it unnecessary for the public to inquire; but of this I would inform you, that the officers of his Majesty's Navy never have, and I believe from my soul never will require any such paragraphs as

* Page 370.