

Great Fish River. These views Dr. King again and again brought before the attention of the Admiralty, and volunteered to conduct an expedition in the presumed route of the ill-fated party, which might have been arranged with ease and at little cost. At the very time that he was pressing his offer upon the Government, Sir John Franklin and his devoted followers were traversing that path and pursuing the very course which he marked out. The reasons which Dr. King adduced were fully stated, and so powerful was their united bearing that one would imagine that only a foregone acquaintance with other facts not known to Dr. King could have justified the refusal on the part of the authorities to entertain his proposition. It now appears that they were not in possession of any such facts, and the motives which operated to prevent them from allowing Dr. King to follow up the traces of these brave and devoted men are as mysterious as that refusal has been disastrous and deplorable.

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