

Be these things as they may, both Expeditions have now failed, whether from the fault of those who arranged, or those who executed them, we have yet to learn, and shall no doubt be *very candidly* informed; as well by seeing the orders issued to the commanders on the subject of their voyage, as by having the return of one of them accounted for, apparently from the very entrance of that passage, the existence and investigation of which was the peculiar object of the enterprize. That these things should attach themselves to *the officers*, we can scarcely suppose, since they were, by your statements, selected with the most scru-