

TO  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
**THE EARL OF RIPON.**

MY LORD,  
YOUR Lordship was Secretary of State for the Colonies when the Expedition of which the following is the Narrative was organised: and to your good Offices, and liberal Subscription in its favour, the success of the project was at that time mainly due. I have ventured, in consequence, to dedicate to you the Volume: and am most happy in being thus enabled to express some part of the sincere respect with which I have the honour to be,

MY LORD,  
Your Lordship's most obedient  
and very humble Servant,  
GEORGE BACK.