

something to science while fulfilling the instructions of the Government, which chiefly contemplated a military topographical survey. A greater degree of popular interest might have been imparted to it by admitting a greater latitude of detail, but it was deemed best to adhere to the rigorous character of a *report*, and to present nothing, either in the narrative or in the maps, which was not the result of positive observation.

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