

has told us that these ice expeditions, however speciously they may be introduced to public notice, invariably terminate in the most terrible anxieties and in disappointment which may well be looked on as complete when we compare the results realized with the expeditions formed and the promises held out. We are really so sick of the subject that we do not care to follow Lieutenant Pim and Sir Roderick Murchison into their discussions as to the best method of reaching the spot where some of Franklin's relics may still be found.

"It is gratifying to find from Sir Roderick Murchison's observations that the government have not yet committed themselves to this frantic scheme. Sir Roderick is reported to have said if the government would not send out an expedition, he was authorized to state that that noble-minded woman, Lady Franklin, although there might be no chance of saving any one living man, had determined to send out another expedition on her own account to those regions. We trust Lady Franklin may be better advised, but of course it is not within our province to make any remark upon the proceedings of private persons. If the scientific gentlemen wish for another expedition let them man the ships in their own proper persons, and prove that they do not shrink from the perils to which they would expose others. The present government or any government will be most deeply to blame if they