

anticipate the event of our late expedition, by preoccupying the public mind with an high sounding statement of its fitness, its liberal equipment, and its scientific and disinterested arrangements. To me, the account alluded to is, I confess, in perfect unison with the same vaunting self-conceit, with the addition only of a little cunning, which dictated your unmanly remarks upon Captain Burney, and your unjustifiable attack upon Lieutenant Chapple. In the one case you attempt to refute the arguments of an old and distinguished officer, *who has actually been to the place of which he treats*, by telling him, that his respectable old age has destroyed