THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF RIPON.

My Lord,

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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.

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