

dle-wheels, &c., that part forming a particular hobby of his own, Captain Ross committed errors to such an extent that the paddle-wheels became immersed nearly to their axis, whereby undue resistance was opposed to the engines and the propelling power of the paddles destroyed.

Besides his discreditable miscalculation of the floatation of his vessel he plunged his otherwise ill-constructed paddle-boxes so deeply in the water as to present an insurmountable obstacle to the attainment of any considerable speed.

Having related the instructions given to us by Captain Ross, and shown the part he took in the construction of the machinery intended to propel the Victory, I confidently appeal to the whole world whether Captain Ross has not calumniated the makers of his engines in ascribing to them the failure of his steam-ship; and whether it be not the fact that Captain Ross has slandered them, in order to divert attention from his own errors, his own blunders, and from the disgraceful ignorance and incompetency in which all these errors and blunders originated?