

That one of these cases is correct, the detailed accuracy with which other portions of this Expedition have been set forth renders it almost impossible to doubt. Of these points some explanation will I hope be given, or else the world cannot but suppose, that where such bolstering and propping was deemed right, there must have been something "rotten in the state of Denmark."

In another passage of the wonderful book in question, the public are informed by you, with much pomp and circumstance*, that two gentlemen, one a young man, who it seems was on the point of taking orders, and the other an officer of artillery, were

* Page 367, Polar Voyages.