

ditions were properly equipped, it was fair to presume, that all these circumstances would follow as corollaries to a scientific undertaking; and that a great Expedition, performed by the first maritime nation in the world, ought not to have stood in need of having its merits and its probable benefits set forth in a shape so questionable as this, bearing indeed no faint resemblance to the hand bill of a conjuror, or the programme of a French spectacle. Again, it would appear extremely odd, that among the various things set forth in your list of officers, instruments, and artists, the names of any nautical and scientific draughtsmen do not once occur. How is this? Were they unnecessary, or could none be found?