

as interesting, as circumstances connected with it have appeared extraordinary.

In a work compiled by you, giving a chronological history of the Discoveries in the Arctic Regions, there is, towards its close, a most inexplicable statement, entitled, the "Discoveries of Ross, Buchan, Parry, and Franklin."

May I request to be informed, for the benefit of the public, in what possible manner the discoveries of these officers could have been written previously to their return home, and before it was known *whether any discoveries really had been made*, or what had been the issue of their efforts?