

days of the season to all the officers of the Expedition. When they left England, the Great Exhibition was not yet in existence, when they returned it had already formed an epoch in the history of the world, and had given undying lustre to the name of its Royal founder. Those sentiments of devotion to their Queen, pride in their country, and admiration for its Government and institutions, which we find in almost every page of the 'Aurora,' were confirmed and increased by the Arctic travellers' visits to the Exhibition. In the peaceful contest which took place within those crystal walls, England had not always borne away the palm from her rivals in arts and manufactures, but in one point her pre-eminence was acknowledged. Sublime in the strength of her free institutions, she stood calm and unmoved amidst the tempest of revolutions which swept over half the countries of Europe.

Not one of Her Majesty's subjects but must have felt at heart a glow of pride at reading the eloquent speech made by Lord Palmerston at Tiverton a few months past, in which that great statesman described the happiness and prosperity of this empire as contrasted with the condition of other nations. Never, indeed, has a country been more singularly favoured by Heaven. Never was a Sovereign more beloved or more deserving the love