

these, either to stimulate their exertions or enhance the confidence which their countrymen repose in them. Like other fallible beings, they may want success, from accident, from an error in judgment, or *from being tied down by the orders they receive*: that they ever did quit the shores of England, but with the firmest resolutions of fulfilling the trust reposed in them, or of establishing the impossibility of its performance, no one but yourself ever yet deemed it requisite to contemplate.

We are told also, that where certain objects of Natural History could not be preserved, "accurate drawings would be made of them by such and such officers." Allow me to remark, that if these Expe-