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THE Public are probably aware that, agreeably to a regulation of the Admiralty, all Journals of Voyages of Discovery, kept by Officers or others, are required to be temporarily surrendered for the use of that Board: hence it has happened, that we have been unable till now to submit to our Readers full details of Captain Parry's last Voyage.

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In making this observation, we have, however, no intention to depreciate the Classical Production of Captain PARRY, or the accurate and modest Journal of Mr. FISHER, whose works would have sufficed to record the Incidents of this Voyage, if it had not been our duty, as Journalists in this branch of Literature, to submit the best account which we are able to obtain.

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