

from various parts of Europe, India, New Holland, N. America, W. Indies, Iceland, Greenland, Sweden, Russia, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, &c., many of them 'collected to elucidate the observations of eminent geologists in different countries.'

Early in the year the Council had under consideration the publication of volume vi. of the *Transactions*, and in connection with this the following estimate had been received:—

Estimate for printing 300 pages; with thirteen lithographic plates and eight copper plates ($\frac{2}{3}$ of the whole number to be coloured).

	£	s.	d.
Printing	94	12	0
Paper	57	8	0
Lithography	67	18	6
Copper plates	117	12	0
Colouring	31	10	0
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	£369	0	6

Volumes ii. to v. had been published by William Phillips. It was now proposed to publish the *Transactions* at the expense and risk of the Society, and the question of commencing a new series had likewise been suggested.

On March 8, 1822, Mr. Aikin, Dr. Fitton, Mr. Stokes, and Mr. Webster were appointed a Committee to deal with the first part of the new volume. It was to contain about 150 pages of letterpress with plates, and such changes were to be made in the form and mode of publishing as the Committee should think proper to introduce. They were further requested to have the work ready for publication, if possible, in the month of May—no light undertaking.

It is not altogether surprising that William Phillips, in a letter addressed to the president and Council, raised some objections to the issue of a new series of *Transactions*, which he thought would injure the sale of the earlier volumes. He mentioned that four of the five volumes had