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desire for the colony of Victoria to become involved in exploration was unusual and the Expedition eventuated as the result of a remarkable set of circumstances that occurred in Melbourne in the 1850s. It took three years to organise and outfit the Expedition and during that time the objectives changed frequently and the aims were never clearly defined. The way the Society established the Expedition was unlike any previous Australian expedition.



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