

ber, we were visited by the superintendent of the customs (by the Chinese called John Tuck) attended by a numerous retinue. He pretended to measure the ship, and then demanded, it is said, a thousand pounds as a port charge.

Captain Dixon went to Canton on the 4th, to prepare every thing at our factory for depositing the furs, and to engage a boat to carry them up. On the 5th a choppa came for our cargo. Accordingly we sent our whole cargo of furs of the two vessels; and when they were landed at our factory, a particular account of them was taken by a set of merchants belonging to the customs, who give security to the emperor for the duty being paid. Another account was taken by persons employed by Mr. Browne, president of the supercargoes.

After an assortment, the quantity fixed on to be sold by Mr. Browne was 2552 sea otter-skins, 434 cub, and 34 fox-skins. The remainder were to be disposed of by our captains as well as they could: they consisted of 1080 beaver tails, sundry pieces of skins and cloaks, sixty cloaks of the earless marmot, and some other inconsiderable articles.

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