

The ships cruised in every direction; Kendrick getting as far north as "Southeastern Alaska." These were apparently observation cruises, with incidental talks and trading with the natives, but heeding instructions, always alive to the surroundings, making soundings, examining harbors, etc.

Returning to Nootka, the captains exchanged ships. Here they found the British traders, "Iphigenia" and "Princess Royal," also a Spanish man-o'-war whose captain now and then gave a dinner to the American and English captains and was most gracious. After some days two other Spanish armed vessels arrived—another banquet was given, in the midst of which the Spanish captain, rising from his chair, informed the English captains that they and their crews were his prisoners—their ships held as prizes. "Captain Douglas" demurred, saying, you don't mention the Americans. He was told "his papers were bad" for they authorized taking and using Spanish property.

The Columbia under Gray, crossing the Pacific on the return to Boston, was the first American ship to circumnavigate the globe, arriving home in 1790.

This quarrel with the Spaniards at "Clayoquot" was primarily the cause of "Captain Vancouver's" presence here in 1792, coming to adjust and pacify conflicting interests.

As it was, Spain and Britain came near war; Captain Kendrick in the Washington remained on the coast, where his activities attracted much attention from seamen generally. Running into the harbor of Honolulu, a British ship intending to honor