

cerns of that company, and after all his toils and troubles he has, as I have been told, been deprived of a participation in that gainful trade which he partly, and indeed not a little, assisted in raising into prosperity. His book it has been said discloses too much, yet what arcana of the trade are communicated by it, I have not been able to discover, and in fact it ought to be considered as extremely defective in that respect. His pusillanimity in not publishing such details of the trade as he was enabled to give, has met with such reward, as all who depend on the liberality or consideration of a set of commercial monopolists, may expect. Of the new arrangements that have taken place in consequence of the treacherous and unauthorised sale which has been made to the Hudson's Bay Company of the interests and welfare of all those who tugged at the oar, and toiled in the heat of the day, for the benefit of the ci-devant North West Company; as well as of the act of the imperial parliament respecting the fur-trade which was smuggled through the house at the close of last session, I shall, however, have occasion to say more before I close my review of this book, and shall now proceed to give an abstract of its contents.

The first 250 pages are occupied by a journal, or rather extracts from the journals, of nineteen years, passed in the Indian Countries, commencing the 29th of April 1800 and closing the 18th of August 1819; an average of less than half a page per month. Though this meagre journal is in many places a mere dry narrative of events, there is much matter of fact and general information to be gathered from the whole, more particularly with regard to the topography of a part of the world so little known, though so much frequented as the interior of this North West continent.