

take up several days, and of course give the savages, who had now collected in great numbers, time and opportunity to attack us to advantage. Under these circumstances, I thought it most prudent not to attempt it. Thus ended the campaign of Trinity, and we left the harbor the 18th, with a stock of water, some wood, and about fifty prime skins, sea-otter.

I next determined to look at the Bodega ; but when we arrived there it blew very hard, and there was so little appearance of shelter, and the country round bore so unpromising an aspect, that I did not think it advisable to anchor there. In latitude $35^{\circ} 20'$ I hauled in for a smoke ashore ; some Indians came off, and informed me that there was a rich Mission in the neighborhood, where there was plenty of skins, and an abundance of every thing. One of them also informed me that there was good anchorage a little to leeward. I ran by his directions, and found one of the most spacious bays that we have yet seen, where no ship had ever anchored before us. Here I found a plenty of wood and water, and I purchased as much provision of every kind as I could stow, from the Mission. From thence I proceeded down the coast under easy sail, examining every creek and corner, and as yet have had no reason to regret my investigation, as by this time, when I am leaving San Juan, I have collected about eight hundred skins. I have met with no misfortune except the loss of an anchor, and I have got a piece of timber to fish my foremast, which I intend to do the first good opportunity.

The resources of California are much more considerable than I ever thought they were. On the upper coast, wood and water are plenty, and all kinds of provisions in the greatest abundance. I think I never saw finer beef than we put up there. They take skins now at all the upper Missions, and I have little doubt of making a good voyage, by collecting them, in two seasons, if every other resource should fail ; the Indians above are very intelligent ; they come on board every where when a ship appears ; and, by writing ashore, I always get every necessary information. There will probably be no ship but ours on the coast this coming season, and of course our prospect is good.

Every thing now conspires to leave me no choice of going any where but up the Gulf, from whence, if I am successful, I may run