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NARRATIVE
OF A
VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD,

PERFORMED IN
HER MAJESTY'S SHIP "SULPHUR,"
DURING THE YEARS 1836—1842.

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VOYAGES of Discovery and Survey have long been amongst the most pleasant and instructive reading with which the press has furnished us since Raleigh and Drake pursued their adventurous career to the attractive shores of the New World, and Cook and Anson ventured on the formidable task, in their days, of circumnavigating the globe. But the great advances which have been made in nautical science, and the increased facilities for acquiring exact and comprehensive information which modern navigators possess, render their labours far more valuable and often much more interesting than those of their predecessors. The voyages of Her Majesty's Ship Sulphur cannot, therefore, fail of being regarded with considerable interest by every class of readers, but particularly by such as are desirous of ascertaining from the best sources the progress the country is making in geographical knowledge. To place the claim of this vessel and the intelligent officers and crew under the author's command properly before the public, it is necessary that they should be put in possession of some slight idea of her goings to and fro.

The Sulphur was commissioned in September, 1835, by Captain Beechey, and accompanied by her consort, the Starling, Lieutenant-Commander Kellett, quitted England in the following December. He invalided at Valparaiso, and was succeeded by Acting Commander Kellett, who was again superseded by the author who took the command at Panama, in February, 1837, having crossed the Isthmus of Darien for that purpose, and retained it till the conclusion of her protracted voyage. After some little delay in completing certain necessary operations, the Sulphur proceeded northerly, touching at Realejo and Libertad in Central America, and reached San Blas in June, whence she sailed for the Sandwich Islands, which she reached the following month.

Port-Etches, in King William's Sound, in 60° 30' N., was their next destination. Point Riou and Port Mulgrave were chosen as base stations for determining the position of Mount St. Elias, and further settling the question of longitude between Cook and Vancouver. The ship then proceeded to Sitka, or New Archangel, in