

ness and abundance of labour and naval stores, from the deep, spacious harbours and inland bays, a naval power might be erected there; and some ships of many hundred tons burthen have been lately built for the Russian service. The beautiful furs and skins of both land and sea animals, especially the sea otter, abound on this coast; they are hunted and collected by the natives, and disposed of in barter, to the great emolument of the European purchaser, who finds a ready market for them in Asia and in Europe. Salmon and other excellent fish are in great plenty. Masts for the largest ships, and other timber, may be had in any quantity; and flax might be cultivated to advantage. The whole north-west coast of the Pacific, as far as Cape Horn, swarms with black and spermaceti whales, sea lions, and other fish, from which lamp-oil is extracted. Every useful information in this respect, both for scientific and commercial men, may be obtained from those celebrated navigators in the Pacific, Cook, Pérouse, Colnet, and Vancouver; and from the correct surveys and charts, both of the interior and of the coasts of South America, now engraving by Mr. Faden and Mr. Arrowsmith. A British squadron should be immediately detached to the Pacific, to expel the Russians from the north-west coast of North America; and it would be advisable, at the same