

but none very high) though it were in June, and the sun in the nearer approach unto them, being covered with snow."

"In 38° 30' we fell in with a convenient and fit harbor, and June 17, came to an anchor therein, where we continued till the 23d of July following; during which time, notwithstanding it was in the height of summer, and so near the sun, yet we were continually visited with the like nipping cold we had felt before." He even says that had it not been for their necessities they would have kept their beds on account of the cold; neither says he could we at any time in the whole 14 days together, find the air "so clear as to be able to take the height of sun or star."

The account of this Reverend Gentleman deserves some examination. On the 3d of June, he says they were in latitude 42, on the 5th of June, in 48, for they were then compelled by contrary winds to alter their course and proceeded no farther North, so they must have run six degrees of latitude, and several degrees of longitude, in two days or less, with a crew diseased and disheartened by excessive cold, so much that six men were required to do the common work of three!* The men were paralyzed by the frost, the rigging frozen stiff, the rain an unnatural and frozen substance, and the meat frozen as soon as it was removed from the fire, in latitude 42, on the third day of June!

Captain Cook, when on the same spot, (March, 1) says "such moderate and mild weather appeared to us very extraordinary when we were so far North, and so near an extensive continent at this time of year."

On the 18th of April, Vancouver was on the same spot; he says "the weather was delightfully pleasant." Speaking of the hills which he descried on shore, he says, they were beautifully green, with a luxuriant herbage. At night the Northernmost land in sight was Cape Mendocino, latitude 43."

Again, after having run to the Port of Sir Francis Drake, in 38, Fletcher says, "they found the weather from the 17th of June to the 23d of July, so cold, that they would have kept their beds, had not their necessities required exertion!"

Vancouver, who travelled a few leagues in the country, surrounding this Port, in November, 1792, speaking of the mountainous ridge which lay between his path and the sea, says, "as we advanced, its sides and summits exhibited a high degree of luxuriant fertility interspersed with copses of various forms and magnitude, verdant open spaces, and enriched with stately forest trees of different descriptions." About noon he arrived at "a very pleasant and enchanting lawn, where he rested. It required some resolution to quit so lovely a scene, the beauty of which was greatly heightened by the *delightful serenity of the weather*." He continues, "we had not proceeded far from this delightful spot, when we entered a country I little expected to find in these regions. For about twenty miles it could only be compared to a Park which had originally been planted with the true

* Fletcher says they sailed 1400 leagues, the other accounts say 600.