No. 12.-A. DALRYMPLE TO EVAN NEPEAN.

(Archives, series Q, vol. 49, p. 390.)

7th July, 1790.

Dr. Sis,—I have not been able to get down to Whitehall since I had your note. My map is not finished because I have not received the Latitudes &c. of Lake Superior, you promised to ask of Mr. Holland. I think everything else is prepared. If you wish to have a Proof of what is done, viz. the West Coast of Hudson's Bay without any of Peter Ponds or the Canadian Parts I will bring it to-morrow as I shall be your way. I suppose you have heard that Capt, Douglas is gone again from China to the N. W. Coast of America under American colours.

I was yesterday told by Mr. Raikes that the King of Sweden had made good his Landing within a small distance of Petersburgh (I think 25 miles) and had

repelled the Russian Troops. But I suppose this is not news to you.

Yours truly,

A. DALRYMPLE.

No. 13.—CAPTAIN HOLLAND TO EVAN NEPEAN.

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London, July 25th, 1790.

SIR,—Presuming from the advanced state of the season, that little more can be done this year towards prosecuting the intended exploration of the Interior parts of the North West of America; than in making such arrangements at Quebec during the winter as will enable us to leave that place the Instant the Ice breaks up in Spring; to effect which I conceive it of material consequence to have the necessary Instruments and other articles to be procured in this Country shipped this season for Canada, for the following reasons, That after Sunday next the 1st of August the direct communication by shipping to Quebec closes till next Spring; when from numberless impediments their arrival is frequently retarded till near the commencement of June at which time we should be near Michilimacinak. Submitting the above with all deference to your superior judgement.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most devoted, most obedient
and most humble servant.

JN. F. DE B. HOLLAND.