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the amount, extent, importance and nationality of the discoveries and settlements contained in each, the contrast becomes still more remarkable, and the advantage on the side of Great Britain still more apparent. To do justice to the Discoveries of Great Britain, I should go back to 1597, and remind you of the discoveries of the famous Drake, on this coast; I should dwell also upon the accurate and well authenticated voyages of Cook, in 1778. I shall, however, content myself with stating that to Captain Cook belongs the discovery of Nootka Sound, and of Cape Flattery, at the entrance of the Fuca Straits, and that Berkeley, a British Captain, first sailed through those Straits. Passing rapidly over these facts, as also over the voyages of Dixon, Duncan, and Meares, I shall come at once to the more recent voyages of Vancouver, in 1792, contemporaneous, consequently, with Gray's 10 mile sail up the Columbia River. Vancouver had been despatched by the British Government, in 1792, to witness the fulfilment, on the part of Spain, of the terms of the Nootka Convention, and to effect the survey of the north west coast. Having witnessed, therefore, the restitution to the British of the lands and buildings which the Spaniards had seized, he proceeded to execute the second object of his mission. From Nootka Sound, (on the western shore of the island now called after this voyager, Vancouver Island,) he sailed south, passed through the Straits of Fuca, which separate this island from the main land on the south, and having made an accurate survey of the coast, and inlets of the Straits, on both sides, he discovered a northern passage into the Pacific, by which he returned to Nootka, having thus completely circum-