

Attempts to destroy himself, and did once jump out of the Cabbin Window into the Sea, and was with Difficulty saved.

That the said Don Joseph Stephen Martinez, being in Possession of the Ship Argonaut, did take out of her the greatest Part of her Copper Trade, Arms, great Guns, Ammunition, Provisions, Tar, Pitch, Canvas, and other Naval Stores, with all the Charts, Instruments, &c. of the Officers.

We do further make Oath, That the Journal of the Ship Argonaut was true, and faithfully delivered by Mr. Robert Duffin, First Officer of the said Ship, to Mr. Robert Funter, Master of the N. W. America, as well as the Letters signed Robert Duffin, and addressed to John Meares, Agent for the Associated British Merchants trading to the North West Coast of America, which Journals or Letters are attached to this Affidavit.

And we do make Oath, That on the 13th of July the Sloop Princess Royal, of London, was out at Sea, in the Offing of King George's Sound, and that Mr. Robert Hudson, Master of the said Sloop, did take his Boat and row into the said Sound, and that himself, Boat, and Crew, were seized by Don Joseph Stephen Martinez, who made Prisoners of them, and did by Force, and Threats of hanging him at the Yard Arm, get the said William Hudson to write a Letter on Board the Princess Royal, then lying off at Sea, to deliver up without Contest the above Sloop; and that Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did order his Second Lieutenant, named Montefare, to take armed Boats, equipped for War, and go on Board the Princess Royal, and deliver the said written Letter to the Commanding Officer on Board, and that those Boats did accordingly go to the Princess Royal, and did seize her, and with Force confined the Crew below the Deck, and did carry her into King George's Sound, when Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did order the Spanish Colours to be hoisted on the Princess Royal, and captured her Officers, Crew, Cargo, Tackle, and Furniture, in the Name of his Catholic Majesty.

That to the best of our Knowledge and Belief the said Princess Royal had on Board Two hundred and Seventy prime Sea Otter Skins, belonging to the Associated Merchants, as well as Two hundred and Three prime Sea Otter Skins received from Mr. Robert Funter, Master of the N. W. America, making in all Four hundred and Seventy-three prime Sea Otter Skins, all which were seized by the said Joseph Stephen Martinez, in the Name of his Catholic Majesty.

That the said Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did take Possession, with all due Form, &c. &c. of the Princess Royal of London. And we do further make Oath, That Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did give us, the above-mentioned Mr. Robert Funter and Seamen, Leave and Licence to return to China in the American Ship Columbia; and that we did embark on Board the same Ship, and did return to China on the 2d of November 1789; and that previous to our leaving King George's Sound, and the North West Coast of America, we did see fail out of the said Port the British Ship Argonaut under the Spanish Flag, a Prize to Don Joseph Stephen Martinez, having on Board Captain James Colnett, Mr. Robert Duffin, and the greater Part of her Crew, with a Guard of Fifty Spanish Seamen, bound to the Spanish Port of St. Blas, in the Latitude of 21 or thereabouts, agreeable to the Orders of Don Joseph Stephen Martinez; and that Jos. Tobar, First Lieutenant of the Spanish Ship Princessa, was in Command of the Argonaut on her leaving King George's Sound; and that the Columbia and the American Sloop Washington did depart from King George's Sound together unmolested in any Measure by the Spaniards, but on the contrary in full Friendship and Alliance, leaving in that Sound Don Joseph Stephen Martinez, with his Two Ships, and the Sloop Princess Royal and the N. W. America as Prizes. That the Columbia and Washington did steer to a Harbour to the Southward of King George's Sound, where they separated, the Columbia returning to China, and the Washington remaining on the Coast.

That we do further make Oath, That Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did order a certain Number of Sea Otter Skins (the Number of which we cannot ascertain) to be put on Board the American Ship Columbia, previous to her and the Washington's leaving King George's Sound, and that the said Ship Columbia did go to Sea with those Skins on Board; that on the Arrival of the Two American Ships at the Port above-mentioned to the Southward, Mr. John Kendrick, Master of the Ship Columbia, did leave the said Ship, and go on Board the Sloop Washington, taking the above-mentioned Spanish Skins with him; and Mr. Robert Grey, Master of the Sloop Washington, did go on Board the Ship Columbia, and took Charge of the said Ship, quitted the Coast of America, and returned to China as above-mentioned, leaving the Sloop Washington in the above-mentioned Harbour to the Southward.

And we do further make Oath, That the Provisions, agreeable to the Receipt attached to this Affidavit, were put on Board the Ship Columbia, by Order of Don Joseph Stephen Martinez, in Order, as he said, to victual us, the Captain and Crew of the N. W. America; but that, instead of being appropriated to this Use, Part thereof were put on Board the Sloop Washington, then commanded by Mr. Kendrick, in order that she might continue out a longer trading Voyage on the Coast of America.

That the said Don Joseph Stephen Martinez did order to be shipped on Board the Ship Columbia,