

His short account of the Japanese is, as every thing must be which relates to that curious people, highly interesting; and his stay on the northern part of Jesso afforded him the means of collecting considerable information respecting the harmless inhabitants of this secluded part of the globe. His observations made in the Tartarian Sea, and partial survey of the coast of Saghalin, or Tchoka, are creditable to his talents, assiduity, and perseverance, as a navigator employed on making

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longitude.—Through some occurrences, I became an inhabitant at St. Christiansa; here I resided near a year, when I went over to another isle, distant about three leagues; here I passed a few months in speculation, but my slender education debarred me from many useful points to society; at length I took my departure with a friend in his double canoe, bound to Nukahiwa, a distance of about thirty-five leagues. At this isle I had my different turns of fortune; my friend the king was very partial to me, and I did every thing that was just to merit his favour. I headed his warriors for four years. At length he gave me his own sister, Ena-o-ae-a-ta, to be my bride, as a small token of his esteem; I have ever since thought it a great one. At length I took my leave, in February, 1806, on board the Lucy, of London, bound to Port Jackson. In six days we arrived at Otaheita. Here I found twelve missionaries: my wife being pregnant with her second child, I stopped at this place, March 8th, 1806. I remained here about eighteen months, at which time arrived Captain Dalrymple; I went on board of him as pilot; I took his ship among the Ladrone isles, and in one month we returned to Otaheita, got our wood, water, &c. and departed for the Pheacus isles, and from thence for New Zealand, at which place we got a cargo of spars, and took our departure for Penang, at which place we arrived in March, 1808. I staid at this place twenty-three months; my employer being dead, I took my passage in February, 1810, for Bengal; we arrived March 17, 1810.

This, good Sir, is the outline of my voyages and travels, if this should answer your desire.

Sir,

I remain, yours, &c. &c.

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