

them with proper stores for a three years expedition, they were dispatched under the command of Mr. James Colnett, in the month of April and May, 1789. The North-West America and Iphigenia returned from the Sandwich Islands to Nootka, in April 1789, where they found two American vessels, the Colombia and the Washington. The North-West immediately sailed along the Coast to the North, for the purpose of trade. On the 6th of May, a Spanish ship of war, called the *Princesa*, commanded by Don Stephen Joseph Martinez, mounting 26 guns, anchored in Nootka Sound, and was joined on the 13th by a Spanish snow of 16 guns, called the *San Carlos*. After mutual civilities had passed, Don Martinez informed Capt. Douglas, who commanded the *Iphigenia*, that he had orders to seize all ships and vessels he might find on that coast, and accordingly he seized on the *Iphigenia*, and the crew were carried on board the Spanish ships. He took possession of the house on shore, and hoisting thereon the standard of Spain, took formal possession also of the Coast, declaring that all the line of Coast between Cape Horn and the 60th degree of North latitude belonged to the King of Spain. Capt. Douglas signed a paper, which he afterwards found was an obligation - to pay on demand