

## A P P E N D I X.

of all the vessels and property employed in that trade; and under that firm they purchased a ship, which had been built at Calcutta, and called her the Argonaut.

That the Prince of Wales having been chartered to load teas for the East India Company, soon after returned to England; and the Princess Royal and Argonaut were ordered by your Memorialist to sail for the coast of America, under the command of Mr. James Colnett, to whom the charge of all the concerns of the company on the coast had been committed.

Mr. Colnett was directed to fix his residence at Nootka Sound, and, with that view, to erect a substantial house on the spot which your Memorialist had purchased in the preceding year; as will appear by a copy of his instructions hereunto annexed.

That the Princess Royal and Argonaut, loaded with stores and provisions of all descriptions, with articles estimated to be sufficient for the trade for three years, and a vessel on board in frame, of about thirty tons burthen, left China accordingly in the months of April and May, 1789. They had also on board, in addition to their crews, several artificers of different professions, and near seventy Chinese, who intended to become settlers on the American coast, in the service, and under the protection of the associated company.

That on the 24th of April, 1789, the Iphigenia returned to Nootka Sound; and that the North-West America reached that place a few days after: that they found, on their arrival in that port, two American vessels, which had wintered there; one of them was called the Columbia, the other the Washington: that on the 29th of the same month, the North-West America was dispatched to the Northward to trade, and also to explore the Archipelago of St. Lazarus.

That on the 6th of May, the Iphigenia being then at anchor in Nootka Sound, a Spanish ship of war, called the Princeessa, commanded by Don Stephen Joseph Martinez, mounting twenty-six guns, which had sailed from the Port of San Blas, in the Province of Mexico, anchored in Nootka Sound, and was joined on the 13th by a Spanish snow of sixteen guns, called the San Carlos, which vessel had also sailed from San Blas, loaded with cannon and other warlike stores.

That from the time of the arrival of the Princeessa until the 14th of May, mutual civilities passed between Captain Douglas and the Spanish officers, and even supplies were obtained from Don Martinez for the use of the ship; but on that day he, Captain Douglas, was ordered on board the Princeessa, and, to his great surprize, was informed by Don Martinez, that he had the King's orders to seize all ships and vessels he might find upon that coast, and that he, the Commander of the Iphigenia, was then his prisoner: that Don Martinez thereupon instructed his officers to take possession of the Iphigenia, which they accordingly did, in the name of his Catholic Majesty, and the officers and crew of that ship were immediately conveyed as prisoners on board the Spanish ships, where they were put in irons, and were otherwise ill treated.

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