

THE JOURNAL OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM OWEN, R. N.,

DURING HIS RESIDENCE ON CAMPOBELLO, 1770-71.

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SECOND PAPER.

In Volume I of the Collections of this Society there was published what was then thought to be practically the complete Journal of Captain Owen during his residence of a year on Campobello. It was printed from a manuscript copy made by his Granddaughter, Mrs. Robinson-Owen, who believed she had transcribed everything of importance. I made every effort to obtain the use of the original journal, but, naturally, it was considered too precious to be allowed out of the possession of the family. The Journal was published after Mrs. Robinson-Owen's death, and since then her daughter, Mrs. C. N. Cochrane, of Windlesham House, Bagshot, Surrey, England, has been so kind as to risk the dangers of transportation and to entrust the original to me for a time, in order that anything it may contain of value not already published may be made available to all interested in the subject. For this liberal spirit and its practical expression, we are all much indebted to Mrs. Cochrane, to whom it is my pleasant duty here to express my sincere thanks.

I found that the original Journal does contain matter scarcely less in amount and value than that already published. Of particular importance is its account of the formation of the Campobello Company, the preparations for the settlement, and the journey out to the Island, the subsequent fate of part of the settlers, and the report of the twelve jurors describing the exact improvements made by the settlers during the first year on the Island. I need hardly add how great is my regret that the entire journal could not have been published at one time, but under the