

thus debarred from the glory, we may say, of a rediscovery of these famous estuaries. On Captain Cook's death at the Sandwich Islands (named after Lord Sandwich) his ships, the "Resolution" and "Discovery" returned home, where his story given to the world in 1784 proved the great outlook and profit in the fur trade, caused James Hanna, an Englishman, to come here in 1785 from Macao on the coast of China; being probably the first white man to engage in the fur traffic. He came again in 1786 but found competition, for Captains "Lowrie" and "Gricon" were here and afterwards Captains "Mears" and "Tipping" under the East India flag. The name "Juan de Fuca" was saved from oblivion by an Englishman named "Barclay" in command of the ship "Imperial Eagle" under the flag of the Austrian East India Company. Barclay Sound is on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island.

Captain Mears, whom we have mentioned, came again in 1788 in the ships "Prince of Wales" and "Iphegenia," erected a stockade at Nootka and built a small sloop, naming her the "Northwest America."

The first discoveries of note after Captain Cook's time were under Captains "Portlock" and "Dixon" in 1785 and 1786, commanding two English traders, the "Princess Royal" and "Prince of Wales."

The people on the coast of New England had at this period a natural instinct for the sea, a predilection the government encouraged, soon placing our ships on every sea, our whalers where none dared follow.