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## CHAPTER XXIV.

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COMPREHENSIVE VIEWS—TO SUPPLY THE RUSSIAN FUR ESTABLISHMENT—AN AGENT SENT TO RUSSIA—PROJECT OF AN ANNUAL SHIP—THE BEAVER FITTED OUT—HER EQUIPMENT AND CREW—INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CAPTAIN—THE SANDWICH ISLANDS—RUMOURS OF THE FATE OF THE TONQUIN—PRECAUTIONS AT REACHING THE MOUTH OF THE COLUMBIA.

HAVING traced the fortunes of the two expeditions by sea and land to the mouth of the Columbia, and presented a view of affairs at Astoria, we will return for a moment to the master spirit of the enterprise, who regulated the springs of Astoria, at his residence in New York.

It will be remembered, that a part of the plan of Mr. Astor was to furnish the Russian fur establishment on the north-west coast with regular supplies, so as to render it independent of those casual vessels which cut up the trade an