

APPENDIX III.

JOSEPH INGRAHAM'S ACCOUNT OF HIS FIRST MEETING
WITH JOHN KENDRICK AFTER THE LATTER'S VOYAGE
OF 1789.

Ingraham,
"Journal,"
transcript in
Provincial
Archives,
pp. 152-155.

"It happen'd nearly in the following manner. While Captain Kendrick was trading he suffer'd about 50 of the natives get on board his vessell while these remain'd above twice that number was alongside. Capn. Kendrick placing too much confidence in them it seems had no men under arms (a very necessary precaution among savages of any kind) neither did Captn. Kendrick wish to affront them by turning them out of his vessell as he thought it might be a hindrance to him in purchasing furs which he was very anxious to procure as he was late in the season while the above number of Indians were on board the keys of the arm chest which stood on the quarter were missing on which Capn. Kendrick challenged the natives with theft and applied to Koyah that they might be restor'd but instead of complying Koyah with severall others leap'd on the top of the arm chest the better to secure it Koyah exulting in his success telling Cap. Kendrick he could not get at his arms to kill them then at the same time holding out his legs saying now put me in Irons. Yucah and Sculkinon two other cheifs were on board who tried to allure Capn. Kendrick to trade and thereby put him of his gaurd but it seems he was aware of their scheme and stood on his gaurd with the best weapon he could get which was a bar of Iron. It was evident that the natives soon meant to put their plot into execution by hailing on shore for more canoes to come off not letting any of the seamen go before the main Hatchway and insulting them by taking their hats and their handkerchiefs of their necks likewise all of them preparing their daggers (a weapon which these people are never without). In this very critical situation Capn. Kendrick desir'd his officers and men to drop of the deck one by