

A P P E N D I X.

ground, whereon he built a house for his occasional residence, as well as for the more convenient pursuit of his trade with the natives, and hoisted the British colours thereon; then he also erected a breast-work, which surrounded the house, and mounted one three-pounder in front; that having so done, your Memorialist proceeded to trade on the coast, the Felice taking her route to the Southward, and the Iphigenia to the Northward, confining themselves within the limits of 60° and 45° 30' North, and returned to Nootka Sound in the month of September; that on your Memorialist's arrival there, his people, whom he had left behind, had nearly completed a vessel, which, previous to his departure, he had laid down; and that the said vessel was soon after launched by your Memorialist, and called the North-West America, measuring about forty tons, and was equipped with all expedition to assist him in his enterprizes.

That, during the absence of your Memorialist from Nootka Sound, he obtained from Wicananish, the chief of the district surrounding Port Cox and Port Effingham, situated in the latitudes 48° and 49°, in consequence of considerable presents, the promise of a *free and exclusive trade with the natives of the district*, and also his permission to build any store-houses, or other edifices, which he might judge necessary; that he also acquired the same privilege of exclusive trade from Tootche, the chief of the country bordering on the Straits of John De Fuca, and purchased from him a tract of land within the said strait, which one of your Memorialist's officers took possession of in the King's name, calling the same Tootche, in honour of the chief.

That the Iphigenia, in her progress to the Southward, also visited several ports, and in consequence of presents to the chiefs of the country, her commander had assurances given to him of not only a free access, but of an exclusive trade upon that coast, no other European vessel having been there before her.

That your Memorialist, on the 23d of September, having collected a cargo of furs, proceeded in the Felice to China, leaving the Iphigenia and the North-West America in Nootka Sound, with orders to winter at the Sandwich Islands, and to return to the coast in the Spring. That your Memorialist arrived in China early in the month of December, where he sold his cargo, and also the ship Felice.

That a few days after your Memorialist's arrival in China, the ships Prince of Wales and Princess Royal, fitted out from the Port of London by Messrs. John and Cadman Etches and Co. came to Canton from a trading voyage on the North West Coast of America; and your Memorialist finding that they had embarked in this commerce under licences granted to them by the East India and South Sea Companies, which would not expire until the year 1790, and apprehending at the same time that the trade would suffer by a competition, he and his partners associated themselves with the said Messrs. Etches and Co. and a formal agreement was executed in consequence between your Memorialist and Mr. John Etches, then supracargo of the two ships, making a joint stock