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VOYAGES AND TRAVELS,
FROM THE
DISCOVERY OF AMERICA
TO THE
PRESENT TIME.

CONTINUATION OF PINCKARD'S NOTES.

' At Sea, April 20.

‘ OUR destination is no longer a secret! The captain went yesterday on board the commodore, and received his instructions—when the Dutch colonies upon the coast of Guiana were avowed to be the object of our expedition.

‘ In the evening we came into thick and muddy water, indicating our approach to the shore; but nothing of land could be perceived even from the top-gallant-mast head. This morning the sea was still more muddy, of a yellowish colour, and comparatively very shallow. Land was unquestionably near, but still not visible. In the course of the day trees were seen from the mast head, and we came to anchor only a few leagues from them, but even yet without being able to see the land. It seems to be a peculiar shore, the water being very thick and shallow at a great distance from the land.

‘ The present would appear to be an important moment. Orders are issued for three days' provisions to be cooked, and

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