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## INTRODUCTION.

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**F**OR a full statement of the enterprize formed by some British merchants, of opening a trade with the North-West Coast of America, for the purpose of supplying the Chinese market with furs and ginfeng, we refer the reader to “ the Memorial addressed to the Right Hon. William Wyndham Grenville, one of his Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, by Lieut. John Mears, and presented to the House of Commons on the 13th of May,” and to “ An Authentic Statement of all the Facts relative to Nootka Sound, by Mr. John Cadman Etches,” both published for John Debrett, Piccadilly, and uniformly printed to bind herewith.

The following is a faithful abstract of these pamphlets.

In the month of March, 1786, Lieutenant Mears dispatched from Bengal the Sea Otter,