

A P P E N D I X.

Nootka Sound, July 14, 1789.

DEAR SIR,

YESTERDAY at two P. M. a sail was seen in the offing, coming round Breaker's Point from the Southward, standing into the Sound; as she neared the shore we perceived her to be the sloop *Princess Royal*, Captain Hudson: at seven she came to an anchor about two or three miles from the Cove, and Captain Hudson himself came into the Cove in his boat, with four of his people; when instantly as he made his appearance in the Cove, the Spanish boat boarded him, and took him and his people on board the Commodore as prisoners. His motive for coming in, from what I could learn from himself, was to see if Captain Colnett was there, in order to receive his orders how he was to proceed in future. Whether Captain Hudson's conduct in this proceeding was blameable or not, I leave to your superior judgment.

We are now out of the Cove in the mouth of the Sound, and are positively to sail tomorrow morning for St. Blas. The sloop is towed into the Cove within all the shippings; and the Spaniards, from every appearance, have finally captured her.

Captain Hudson seems very much hurt at his misfortune, and candidly declares that it is entirely from his own simplicity, and being too credulous of the Spaniards' honour, that has brought him into this disagreeable dilemma.

Captain Colnett is much better to-day, and in general discourses very rationally: I have endeavoured to persuade him to draw out every particular concerning our being captured, to send to his employers, which he refuses: his objection is, that he has involved himself and every one else in difficulties that he is not able to extricate himself from, and therefore declares to me, that he will have no more concern with the charge of the vessel, but leaves every thing entirely to me, which I have, but most reluctantly, complied with, knowing that I cannot acquit myself with satisfaction to myself, nor undoubtedly more so to my employers. Nevertheless, if the vessel is delivered up at St. Blas, as the Commodore gives me every reason to hope that she will, I will endeavour, to the utmost in my power, to do every thing that may be any ways beneficial to my employers.

The Commodore wanted Captain Colnett to sell all his copper to him, and he would give him bills for same, as he valued it; which Captain Colnett had complied with, but I objected, as I thought if his orders tolerated him to capture the vessel, they would undoubtedly tolerate him to capture the cargo likewise. We are deficient in a great deal of copper, as I mentioned in my former; but Mr. Barnett will be able to inform you, I imagine, where it goes to.

Accompanying this, I send, under the care of Mr. Barnett, a copy of my journal from Macao, wherein you will find the principal occurrences that have happened to us since our departure. I have nothing more to add; neither have I opportunity to do it, the vessel being continually crowded with people from different ships; so beg you will present my compliments to Mr. McIntire, and every other gentleman in Macao; and remain,

DEAR SIR,

Most obediently yours,

B. DUFFIN.

To Captain John Meares.

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