

A P P E N D I X.

This paper I refused signing, for two reasons; one was, he had not only stopped me in my navigation, but had taken possession of the ship, and every thing that belonged to her; another was, the Spaniards could lay no claim to a port they had never before seen, nor had any of the King of Spain's vessels ever entered. The Commodore said, in the year 1775 he was second officer* on board a king's frigate that was on discovery, that saw the port, and named it the Bay of St. Lawrence. I told him, having the chart of that voyage by me, I begged leave to differ in opinion from him. If I did not chuse to sign the papers, he told me he would keep the vessel and send her along the coast as a privateer to trade with the natives. The papers were instantly laid aside, and Captain Kendrick went up to Moweena. The same evening he told me his orders were to take Captain Kendrick if he should fall in with him any where in those seas; and mentioned it as a great secret that he would take both him and the sloop Washington as soon as she arrived in port.

The 24th and 25th, a heavy gale blew from the South West, the Spanish vessels had each four anchors a-head; the Commodore requested I would go on board the *Iphigenia* with my officers and people, and secure her; having nothing on board to secure her with, I declined having any thing to do with her; he was therefore under the necessity of sending two eight-inch howitzers, and making her fast to Hog Island. As I was not permitted to go on shore, I did not know much of what was carrying forward there; they were busy in erecting forts on Hog Island, and, by what I learned, they were cutting down large trees to build houses. The Commodore acquainted me, that last year, when he was at Oonalashka, Mr. Ismyloff told him he expected three vessels from Kamtschatka with a number of men; that on their arrival at Oonalashka, he was to take the command, and conduct them to Nootka Sound, where they were to form a settlement; that he expected to arrive at Nootka by the middle of July, or 1st of August, 1789; that two Russian frigates were to sail from Petersburg by the way of Cape Horn, and join them in Nootka Sound with stores and other necessaries that they might want. On his arrival at St. Blas last year he sent an express to the Viceroy, who ordered him to sail immediately for Nootka, and erect forts to keep the Russians out. He likewise acquainted me, that in the year 1786, two English vessels were cast away, one was drove ashore at her anchors on the island Maidenoi Ostroff; that all the hands perished except three men that happened to be on shore; they were sent over land to Petersburg. The officers of the other vessel being on shore, they put to sea, and as there was no person on board that could navigate the vessel, she was never afterwards seen or heard of. As they now had got possession of my charts and journals, the Spanish Commodore intended to send the *St. Carlos*, Captain Arrow, to the Northward as soon as they could get her bottom cleaned and her sides caulked. Captain Kendrick was likewise ready for sea, and he was going.

* This was Maurelle's ship the Commodore was in.