

tion of Indians, who spoke the *Welch tongue*; they gave Mr. Binon a very kind reception, but were very suspicious of his *English companions*, and took them for Spaniards or Frenchmen, with whom they seemed to be at war; but Mr. Binon soon removed their doubts, on which a friendly intercourse ensued. Those Indians had iron amongst them, lived in stone-built villages, and were better clothed than other tribes. There were some ruinous buildings amongst them: one appeared like an old Welch castle; another like a ruined church, &c. They shewed Mr. Binon a MS. book, which they carefully kept, believing that it contained the mysteries of religion, and said, that it was not long since a man had been among them who understood it. This man (whom they esteemed a prophet) told them, they said, that a people would some time visit them, and explain to them the mysteries contained in their book, which would make them completely happy. They very anxiously asked Mr. Binon if he understood it; and, being answered in the negative, appeared very sad, and earnestly desired him to send one to them who could explain it. After he and his fellow English travellers had been for some time amongst them, they departed, and were conducted by those friendly Indians for many days through vast deserts, and were plentifully supplied by them with a profusion of provision, which the woods afforded; and after they had been brought to a place they well knew, they parted with their numerous Indian guides, who wept bitterly on their taking leave of them, and very urgently intreated Mr. Binon to send a person to them who could interpret their book. On his arrival at Philadelphia, and relating the story, he found that the inhabitants of the Welch tract had some knowledge of these Indians, and that some Welchmen had before been amongst them.

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#### REMARKS ON THE FOREGOING.

Captain Cook found plenty of iron at Nootka Sound, that did not appear to be of European, Spanish, American, or Asiatic manufacture.

The Padoucas are in about 110 degrees west longitude, according to most maps; Nootka Sound is 125 west, according to Captain Meares; by whose discoveries, it appears that those two Indian nations have an easy communication with each other by the straits of Juan de Fuca and the river Oregon, which appears to have been discovered as far as ten degrees, at least, east of Nootka.

In Coxe's Description of Louisiana, &c. 1722, it is said, page 63 (see also p. 16), that the Baron La Hontan having traced