APPENDIX.

18th.—Pleasant weather; wind South South West. At four P. M. tacked off the South shore, four miles, and stood over to the North shore of the Straits. At seven o'clock tacked again off shore, half a mile: at sun-set the entrance of Port Hawkesbury North by East, Tatootche's Island South; Point Entrance West South West, off the latter eight leagues, and from the sormer three leagues. Steered during the night North West by West, and West North West, with a pleasant breeze and soggy weather, and returned to the ship.

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Nº V.

MR. MEARES'S INSTRUCTIONS to CAPT. DOUGLASS, on leaving the AMERICAN COAST.

To Capt. WILLIAM DOUGLASS, commanding the IPHIGENIA.

SIR.

AS I mean to proceed, immediately on the launch of the North-West America, to the Sandwich Islands, and from thence to China,—the whole charge of the Iphigenia and North-West America, will consequently devolve on you.

Though I entertain the highest opinion of your capacity to conduct so weighty a charge, yet, nevertheless, I think it necessary to point out the route you are to pursue after I separate from you. I have no doubt of your ability to put into execution any measure or plan for the benefit of your employers: and as you have already given a convincing proof of this in your late voyage, so in the active scene that I am about to lay before you, I have no doubt but that your diligence and caution will be redoubled, to bring your suture voyage to a happy conclusion. I take the liberty of mentioning this, as it will require your utmost attention, your utmost application and perseverance, to put into execution such plans as I shall lay down for the benefit of your employers. As I place before you an extensive field to employ your abilities in, I am well assure that you will take advantage of this circumstance, and shew the world, that in my opinion of you, I have not been mistaken.