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If histories of navigation were written merely to amuse the leisure hours of the rich, or to satisfy the eager enquiries of the philosopher, much of the minute parts of such a work as this would be necessarily omitted, as unentertaining to the one, or beneath the notice of the other; but narratives of voyages are applicable to other purposes; and, if they should not prove instructive to future navigators—if they should not tend to aid and facilitate the progress of commercial enterprize, the difficulties and dangers of such voyages must have been encountered in vain, and the time employed in writing an account of them be added to the waste of life.

The good harmony and friendly intercourse which subsisted between us and the natives, will, we trust, be considered as a proof that our conduct was regulated by the principles of humane policy; while the generous and hospitable demeanour of our faithful allies will convey a favourable idea of their character, when treated with that kindness which unenlightened nature demands, and is the true object of commercial policy to employ.

The various offices of personal attachment which we received from many individuals of these people, were sufficient to convince us that gratitude is a virtue well known on this distant shore,—and that a noble sensibility to offices of kindness was to be found among the woods of Nootka.—Callicum possessed a delicacy of mind and conduct which would have done honour to the most improved state of our civilization; a thousand instances of regard and affection towards us might be related of this amiable man, who is now no more; and the only return that we

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