

# A P P E N D I X.

with the natives for some fish they had in their boat; the Spaniards, not understanding what was said, ordered him on board the Commodore's ship, and put him into the stocks, where he was strictly examined, and threatened severely, if he did not tell whether he had mentioned to the natives for them to go and tell Captains Meares and Funter not to come into Nootka. When they found he had not mentioned any thing about the other vessels, they wanted to know if the natives had not told him they had seen a vessel in the offing: he told them they had not. He was after this set at liberty, but ordered never to converse with the Indians, nor speak to them in future. I afterwards had a conference with Captain Kendrick, he denied being accessary to my being taken; that the Spanish Commodore had mentioned to him he would take Captain Meares prisoner as soon as he arrived in the harbour; that he had said every thing, and had made use of all his interest to prevent my being taken prisoner: how far this is true, I shall leave it for him to discover.

On the 22d the irons arrived from Moweeena, which were made by Captain Kendrick's armourer. We were now to proceed instantly to St. Blas, and I was once more requested to choose one half of my men, as the other half was to remain with my officers. Finding not one of them would enter, or desert me, I declined giving the preference to any. Before we sailed, I requested my own private papers might be delivered up, likewise a copy of my ship papers, which was promised me. The interpreter, when he came to that part which mentions my defending myself in case I was attacked, and, if I had the superiority, to carry the aggressors to Macoa to be tried for the insult, mentioned to the Commodore, in my presence, that he thought the papers very good. I told him if that was the only cause he had to alledge against me, it would not be difficult for me to cast him in any court of justice in Europe. He had now got every thing out of her that he took a liking to; and what things I had belonging to myself, he robbed me of in as gentle a manner as he possibly could, by letting me know he must have my gold watch, my secant, my stove, and all my charts; likewise all my long feathers, cloaks and caps, that Tianna and his relations presented me with; even my shoes and boots, and very bed cloaths went; as a reason for so doing, he told me some of those things could be got at Mexico. He now proposed to return the vessel, and supply me with provisions to carry me to the Sandwich Islands, if I would sign a paper that was already prepared and presented me. This I refused to comply with till I had witnesses, and knew the contents of the paper: Mr. How, supercargo of the Columbia, was requested to write a letter to Captain Kendrick and Mr. Ingraham, to come down from Moweeena, to be witnesses to the papers I was to sign.

On the 24th they arrived; the papers were interpreted to me, which mentioned he arrived on such a day, and found me in the Bay of St. Lawrence, Nootka; that I was in distress, and in want of every thing; that he had not stopped my navigation but supplied me with every necessary I was in want of to carry me to the Sandwich Islands.

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