

NORTH-WEST COAST OF AMERICA.

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to prevent any beef coming on board unless furnished by a Comprador.

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During this time our people were employed in unbending the sails, unreeving the running rigging, and doing whatever jobs were immediately necessary.

In the forenoon of the 17th the Captain returned from Canton. He was informed by the Company's Supercargoes that no steps could be taken respecting the disposal of our furs, till the Superintendent of the Chinese Customs had been on board to measure our vessel; and as the King George was expected soon, he would not come till after her arrival.

The *Hoppo*, as he is generally called, is a person of very great authority, and next in rank to the Viceroy of Canton. Having procured some beef from Captain Tasker, the ship's Company were allowed two pounds per man, each day, with a proportionate quantity of greens, the man in the hoppo boat undertaking to supply us with every thing of the vegetable kind we might want.

All the spirits on board being expended, on the 19th we purchased a leger of arrack from a Dutchman, for forty-five dollars. In the afternoon we took up the stream anchor, and moored with both bowers, a mooring junk being bent to the small bower. The Hoppo officer having found out by some means or other, that we were supplied with beef by Captain Tasker, put a stop to it; and we again bid fair to live on salt provisions, or pay a Comprador's extravagant *cumshau*. In this dilemma, Mr. Moore, First Mate of the Royal Admiral, Captain Huddart, happening to call on board, and hearing our situation, kindly undertook to furnish us with
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