

voyage, occupy the ten first chapters. The occurrences there during the three succeeding years, take up six more. Three chapters are devoted to a brief account of the country, its natural productions, and of the natives, their manners, appearance, and language; and the seven last chapters relate the journey over land to Montreal. A great defect, and which must much diminish the value of the work as a book of reference, is the want of any kind of map, either of the River Columbia, of the North West Coast, or of the Indian territories through which the author passed. Although the narrative, neither in its details, nor its language, is such as to rivet the attention of the reader throughout, yet it is sufficiently instructive and interesting to ensure the entire perusal of it, by whoever commences it, and who has any taste for the sort of reading to be found in all voyages and travels. There is no doubt that an English translation of it would be well received in London; but it would be more so, if there were more commercial memoranda embodied in it; these the author has evidently studiously avoided; not following in this respect the example of his illustrious predecessor in this career, Sir Alexander Mackenzie; but perhaps he had his reasons, and which it may not be difficult to guess. To general readers, setting aside the few chapters descriptive of the country and the natives, the narrative of the massacre of the crew of the Tonquin; and the short account given of the expedition undertaken and completed in 1810-11, by Messieurs Hunt and Mackenzie, from the waters of the Missouri, to the mouth of the Columbia; will be the most interesting; to which may be added the following short extract recounting an adventure on the journey towards the Rocky Mountains, with which I will conclude the review of this book.