

this paragraph is equally libellous on the present measures of the British Government and Parliament.

The Nootka Sound proprietors have already been plundered of the whole fruits of many years industry, and discoveries, and of their property to an immense amount: at the same time, their officers and men have been dragged, with ignominious exultation and studied insult, into confinement and slavery. Are these the *grateful* returns for the noble efforts of humanity and heroism exercised by Sir Roger Curtis and British seamen, to drowning Spaniards at the siege of Gibraltar? At the hazard of life, and before the rage of battle had subsided, they were snatched from the jaws of death, by an enemy as valiant as merciful. These brilliant proofs of generosity in war, are rewarded by fetters and handcuffs, to unoffending and industrious British merchants.

Must the injuries and sufferings of the Nootka Sound proprietors, be still further aggravated by stabs aimed at their private