

## CONCLUSION.

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**THERE** is a propensity in men to inquire into the affairs of their neighbors, to discover the state of their fortune, to find out how much was made by one operation, and how much was lost by another. This propensity, which is generally stronger in small than in large communities, is very often the offspring of impertinent curiosity; but it may also, in many persons, be the result of kind feelings, and a sympathy in the good or bad fortune of the individual. On the presumption that some of this latter class, who may have perused my narrative, may be gratified with a summary of my gains and losses, and the final result of my labors, I am induced to close my book with such a sketch, aware of subjecting myself to animadversion; but too near the close of life to be affected by it.

It will have been seen that the amount of my outfit from France was four thousand five hundred dollars, of which two thousand were mine and two thousand five hundred belonged to others, and were shipped on half profits. This produced at the Cape of Good Hope eleven thousand dollars, which were invested in an enterprise from China to the Northwest Coast of America, together with seven thousand dollars belonging to some friends, making the cost of the expedition to the Northwest Coast, for vessel and cargo, eighteen thousand dollars. The furs procured there sold in China for sixty thousand dollars, about one third of which was shipped in teas to the United States, and the other two thirds taken to Calcutta, the Isle of France, and Denmark.

The profits on the cargo from the Isle of France to Denmark were

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