

affected at our captivity, that they expressed their sorrow by sighs and tears.

“ Whatever opinion the French might entertain of us on account of our timidity, it is but justice to say, that they behaved to their easily acquired prisoners, with that politeness which is peculiar to their nation. *Monf. Le Perouse*, the commander of *Le Sceptre*, was an honour to his nation, and an ornament to human nature. His politeness, humanity, and goodness, secured him the affection of all the Company's officers; and on parting, at the mouth of *Hudson's* straits, they felt the same sensation which the dearest friends feel in an interview preceding a long separation. His humane disposition was more particularly conspicuous in leaving a repository of ammunition, &c. for the poor Indians, who otherwise must have experienced great inconveniences and distress.

“ Though the French sustained no loss from us during their attack of *York Fort*, yet, through the severity of the climate, and
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