

A P P E N D I X.

Argonaut; and that ship was accordingly seized in the name of his Catholic Majesty, the British flag was hauled down, and the Spanish flag hoisted in its stead.

That on the seizure of the Argonaut, her officers and men were made prisoners, and Mr. Colnett was threatened to be hanged at the yard arm, in case of his refusing compliance with any directions which might be given to him.

That on the 13th of July, the Princess Royal, as is stated in her Journal, again appeared off the Port of Nootka; that her commander approaching the Sound in his boat, in expectation of finding there the commander of the expedition, (from whom he was desirous of receiving instructions for his future proceedings) was seized and made prisoner by Don Martinez, and under threats of hanging him at the yard-arm, forced him to send orders to his officers to deliver up the Princess Royal without contest.

That a Spanish officer was dispatched into the offing with these orders; and that the vessel was accordingly seized in the name of his Catholic Majesty, and brought into port; that her crew were in consequence made prisoners; and that her cargo, consisting of 473 skins, including 203 which had been put on board her from the North-West America, as appears by the inclosed receipt, (No. V.) was seized.

That Mr. Colnett, from the circumstances of his capture, became so deranged, that he attempted frequently to destroy himself; and that, according to the last accounts received, the state of his mind was such as to render him unfit for the management of any business which might have been entrusted to his care; that in this melancholy situation, however, Don Martinez, notwithstanding the vessel and cargo had before been formally seized, attempted to procure from him the sale of the copper, of which a principal part of the cargo of the Princess Royal had been composed, and that such sale would actually have taken place, had not the other officers of that vessel, seeing Colnett's insanity, prevented it.

Your Memorialist farther begs leave to represent, that the American ship Columbia intending to proceed to China, the crew of the North-West America were ordered by Don Martinez on board her; principally, as your Memorialist understands, for the purpose of assisting her in her navigation to China, the greatest part of her own crew, as well as of her provisions, having been previously put on board the Washington, in order that she might be enabled to continue on the coast.

That the Columbia having reduced her provisions considerably from the supplies she had spared to her consort, was furnished from the Argonaut, by order of Don Martinez, with what was necessary for her voyage, said to be intended, however, for the supply of the North-West America; that previous to the departure of the Columbia, ninety-six skins were also put on board her, as appears by the paper hereunto annexed, (No. VI.) to defray the wages of the officers and crew of the North-West America, under a supposition that their late employers would be unable to liquidate their demands; first deducting,