

Captain Kendrick had the sloop newly fitted up as a brig, and pursued the objects of the enterprise, in getting furs and buying various tracts of land.

After the return of the ship *Columbia* to the United States, Captain Kendrick (then commanding the brig *Washington*) purchased, on account of his owners, from the native chiefs on the northwest coast of America, a large tract of land, embracing four degrees of latitude. The deed or deeds for the same were given for a valuable and satisfactory consideration, and were delivered with great form and ceremony by the native chiefs, who appeared on the occasion dressed in the full costume of their station, and in the presence of a multitude of the natives. The officers and seamen of the vessel were present at the ceremony, and severally subscribed their names as witnesses to the deeds.

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It is obvious that the original enterprise, though unproductive to its projectors, furnished an opening for a valuable commerce between the northwest coast of America and China, by which vast fortunes have been made by citizens of the United States; many of whom are living, and can attest the fact; while the Treasury of the United States has received, in imposts on such commerce, many hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It is apparent, also, that it was from the skill and perseverance of the commanders of the original expedition that the river *Columbia* (the great river of the West) was discovered; and this river still bears the name of the ship which first floated on its waters.

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