

That on the 13th of July, the Princess Royal, as is stated in her journal, again appeared off the port of Noorka; 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 N. W. America, as appears by the inclosed receipt, No. 5. 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 state 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 N. W. 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.

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