

A P P E N D I X.

Royal. Thus will she be employed until the period that you appoint for the rendezvous arrives; which, I trust, will be about the beginning of August. By this time she will have traversed repeatedly the head of the Great Island,—the North-eastern shore of the same,—and all the main continent from $50^{\circ} 30'$ North, to $54^{\circ} 30'$ North. Thus every inch of ground between Prince William's Sound and Nootka will be occupied and repeatedly traversed, except the North West side of the Great Island; and as here again you may expect a further supply since you left it, I leave it entirely to your option and discretion to permit the N. W. America to run down this station, on her way to join me at Nootka.

When you meet at the time appointed, you will write me fully of your proceedings; and you will proceed with the Iphigenia, with all dispatch, to Mednoi, or Copper Island; where I trust you will arrive by the tenth of September, or at least before the North-westlers set in.

In performing this part of your instructions, I leave you to act at discretion, and as circumstances arise. You may meet with, or hear of other ships being on your station, with whom you will have to contend; or other material circumstances, which may make a deviation from these orders necessary. I therefore here leave you entirely free; as I must repeat, I do also in every other respect. I have pointed out the object of Copper Island; and no season appears so favourable to put a visit to it in execution as the month of August; by which period, I trust, both you and the N. W. America will have swept the Northern station effectually; at least, what remains to be done, you will order Mr. Funter to perform previous to his joining me at Nootka; at which place I shall await his arrival until the 20th day of November, 1789; when seeing nothing of him, on that day I shall proceed to the Sandwich Islands, and wait your and his arrival in Wymeo Bay, on the island of Atooi; or at the anchoring-ground, the island of Onchow, until the first day of January, 1790; when, neither you nor the N. W. America arriving, I shall conclude that some fatal accident has happened, and make the best of my way to China. This period leaves sufficient time for the completion of all operations; yet I hope that the Iphigenia and N. W. America will reach the islands by the first of December, 1789.

I here leave discretionary powers with you; fearful of circumstances arising which no human foresight can guard against. You will perceive how much I rely on your judgment and abilities.

Favourable winds may permit you to reach Copper Island by the 1st of September; when you will explore the island, and endeavour to find a place of shelter against the approaching equinoctial,—ever to be dreaded in high Northern latitudes. If the copper-ore is in
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