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the sloop. She had lost two men by scurvy, and many of the crew were in an advanced stage of that dreaded disease. After parting off Cape Horn, they encountered terrific gales, and suffered so much damage that they had to put in at Juan Fernandez for help. They were politely received by the Governor, Don Blas Gonzales, who supplied them with everything they needed. The kind governor had to pay dearly for this, for, when his superior, the Captain-General of Chile, heard of it, poor Gonzales was degraded from office, and the Viceroy of Peru sanctioned the penalty. Jefferson afterward interceded for him at Madrid, but he was never reinstated. Who would have believed that a service of simple humanity to a vessel in distress would cause such a hubbub? By her cruel censure of an act of mercy toward the first American ship that ever visited her Pacific dominions, Spain seems to have been seized with a kind of prophetic terror, as if anticipating the day when she would have to surrender to the Stars and Stripes a large share of her supremacy in the West.

After tarrying at Juan Fernandez seventeen days, the *Columbia* continued her voyage without further incident to Nootka. Captain Kendrick now resumed the command of the expedition. In a few days occurred the anniversary of their departure from Boston, and they all observed it heartily. The officers of all the vessels were invited to dine on board the *Columbia*, and the evening was spent in festive cheer—a welcome change to those homesick exiles on that dreary shore.

It was decided to spend the winter in Friendly Cove, Nootka Sound, and a house was built large enough for the entire crew. They shot an abundance of

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game, prepared charcoal for their smiths, and worked their iron into chisels which were in good demand among the natives. To their surprise one morning they found

that the Indians had landed and carried off fifteen water-casks, and five small cannon which Captain Douglas had given them. This was a heavy loss, and as the



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miscreants could not be found, the coopers had to go to work and make a new set of casks.

In March, 1789, the *Washington* was painted and sent on a short cruise, while the *Columbia* was removed a few miles up the Sound to a place which they named Kendrick's Cove, where a house was built with a forge and battery. In May the sloop started out again for furs and met the Spanish corvette *Princesa*, whose commander, Martinez, showed great kindness to Gray, giving him supplies of brandy, wine, hams, and sugar;

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