

soon after unfortunately lost off the coast of Kam-schatka.

That your Memorialist remained in Prince William's Sound the whole of the winter; in the course of which time he opened an extensive trade with the natives; and having collected a cargo of furs, he proceeded to China, in the autumn of 1787.

That in the month of January 1788, your Memorialist having disposed of the Nootka, he, in conjunction with several British merchants residing in India, purchased and fitted out two other vessels, named the Felice and Iphigenia; the former your Memorialist commanded, and the latter he put under the direction of Mr. William Douglas. That your Memorialist proceeded from China to the port of Nootka, or King George's Sound, which he reached in the month of May, and the Iphigenia arrived in Cook's river in the month of June.

That your Memorialist, immediately on his arrival in Nootka Sound, purchased from Maquilla, the Chief of the district contiguous to and surrounding that place, a spot of ground, whereon he built a house for his occasional residence, as well as for the more convenient pursuit of his trade with the natives, and hoisted the British colours thereon; that he also erected a breast work, which surrounded the house, and mounted one three-pounder in the front; that having so done, your Memorialist proceeded to trade on the coast, the Felice taking her route to the southward, and the Iphigenia to the northward, confining themselves within the limits of 60° and $45^{\circ} 30'$ north, and returned to Nootka Sound in the month of September; that on your Memorialist's arrival there, his people, whom he had left behind, had nearly completed a vessel, which, previous to his departure, he had laid down; and that the said vessel was soon after launched by your Memorialist, and called the North-West America, measuring about forty tons, and was equipped with all expedition to assist him in his enterprises.

That during the absence of your Memorialist from Nootka Sound, he obtained from Wickananiſh, the Chief of the district surrounding port Cox and port Effing-