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Professor *Pallas* had given to me in the *Crimea*, that, being desirous to learn whether the same customs and language might not be observed over the whole of *North America*, between the parallels 50° and 70° of north latitude, I proposed to Lieutenant *Chappell* a series of questions concerning the natives of the *North-eastern coast*; desiring to have an answer to each of them, in writing, founded upon his own personal observations. In consequence of this application, I was entrusted with a perusal of the following *Journal*. It was written by himself, during his last expedition: and having since prevailed upon him to make it public, it is a duty incumbent upon me to vouch for its authenticity, and to make known some particulars respecting its author, which may perhaps give an additional interest to his Narrative. The Letters, indeed, which have accompanied his communications with regard to his late voyage, are