

put into my hands, with directions to publish, under the authority of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, an official narrative of our late proceedings. To prevent the delay before occasioned by waiting for the publication of the details relating to geography and natural history, I determined on reserving the whole of these for an Appendix, to form a separate volume. The following account is principally taken from my own journal; but I am indebted to the other officers, and especially to Captain Lyon, for numerous interesting extracts which are distinguished by inverted commas.

The charts accompanying this Narrative were carefully constructed under my inspection on board the *Fury* by Mr. Bushnan, assistant-surveyor. The original charts, which are on a much larger scale, and on which the angles used in their construction are laid down, have been deposited in the Hydrographical Office at the Admiralty, together with the surveying-books and other documents of that kind containing more in detail the materials used in the survey.

The survey of the coast was entirely carried on as before, astronomical bearings, the geographical position of the various stations being fixed by the mean of the observations of several individuals. From the number and excellence of the chronometers embarked on board the *Fury*, and the variety of observations used in the occasional correction of their rates, it is hoped that the geography of that portion of the North-Eastern Coast of America, which has been discovered and surveyed by this Expedition, will be found to be fixed with considerable accuracy. For a more detailed statement of the methods employed, in the performance of this essential part of my duty, as well as for some notices respecting the geography of this hitherto unknown corner of the globe, I must refer to the account of the going of the chronometers,