

Occasion of the Orders which were given to her Commander, Extracts of which accompany this, and are referred to in the Journal of that Ship, having been under the Inspection of Don Martinez.

Your Memorialist further begs Leave to state, that after the Departure of the *Ipbigenia*, Don Martinez became apprized of the Purport of the Letter with which he had been furnished, and that on the Return of the *N. W. America*, off the Port of Nootka, on the 9th of June, she was Boarded and seized by Boats manned and equipped for War, commanded by Don Martinez; that he did tow and convey the said Vessel into the Sound, and Anchoring her close to the Spanish Ships of War, did then take Possession of her in the Name of his Catholic Majesty, as good and lawful Prize; that the above mentioned Vessel was soon after hauled alongside of the Spanish Frigate, and that the Officers and Men, together with the Skins which had been collected, amounting to 215, of the best Quality, and also her Stores, Tackle, and Furniture, Articles of Trade, &c. were removed on Board the Spanish Frigate; that the Commander of the *N. W. America*, his Officers and Men, were accordingly made Prisoners, and Mr. Thomas Barnett, one of the Officers of that Vessel, and some of her Men were, as appears by the Affidavit of William Graham, one of the Seamen belonging to that Vessel, hereunto annexed (N^o 4.) afterwards put in Irons.

That the *Princeps Royal* arriving a few Days after the Seizure of the *N. W. America*, and being allowed by Don Martinez to depart, the Skins collected by the last-mentioned Vessel (excepting 12 of the best Quality, which Don Martinez thought fit to detain) were returned to the Master, and, with the Permission of Don Martinez, were shipped on Board the *Princeps Royal*, for the Benefit of the Owners; and that Ship, as appears by her Journal, put to Sea on the 2d of July, to pursue the Trade upon the Coast.

That Don Martinez, after seizing the *N. W. America* in the Manner and under the Circumstances above stated, employed her on a Trading Voyage, from which she returned after an Absence of about 20 Days, with 75 Skins, obtained by British Merchandize, which had either been found in that Vessel at the Time of her Capture, or had been taken from the *Ipbigenia*; and that the Value of the Furs so collected cannot upon a moderate Calculation be estimated at less than 7,500 Dollars, and which Don Martinez had applied to his own Advantage.

That the *Argonaut* arrived off the Port of Nootka on or about the 3d of July, 1789. That Don Martinez on observing her in the Offing, boarded her in his Launch, and with Expressions of Civility, promised Mr. Colnett, her Commander, every Assistance in his Power; that before the *Argonaut* entered the Sound, Mr. Thomas Barnett (who had belonged to the *N. W. America*, and who was then a Prisoner) came off in a Canoe, and informed Mr. Colnett of the Proceedings which had taken place, and of the Danger to which he was exposed; but that, under the Assurances given by Don Martinez, that the *Argonaut* should remain unmolested, and being in want of Refreshments for the Crew, Mr. Colnett proceeded into Nootka Sound.

That, notwithstanding the Assurances given by Don Martinez, he on the next Day sent the First Lieutenant of the *Princessa* with a Military Force to take possession of the *Argonaut*, and that Ship was accordingly seized in the Name of his Catholic Majesty, the British Flag was hauled down, and the Spanish Flag hoisted in its stead.

That on the Seizure of the *Argonaut*, her Officers and Men were made Prisoners, and Mr. Colnett was threatened to be hanged at the Yard-arm, in case of his refusing compliance with any Directions which might be given to him.

That on the 13th of July, the *Princeps Royal*, as is stated in her Journal, again appeared off the Port of Nootka; that her Commander, approaching the Sound in his Boat, in Expectation of finding there the Commander of the Expedition (from whom he was desirous of receiving Instructions for his future Proceedings) was seized and made Prisoner by Don Martinez, and under Threats of hanging him at the Yard-arm, forced him to send Orders to his Officers to deliver up the *Princeps Royal* without Contest.

That a Spanish Officer was dispatched into the Offing with these Orders; and that the Vessel was accordingly seized in the Name of his Catholic Majesty, and brought into Port; that her Crew were in consequence made Prisoners; and that her Cargo, consisting of 473 Skins (including 203 which had been put on Board her from the *N. W. America*, as appears by the inclosed Receipt, N^o 5.) was seized.

That Mr. Colnett, from the Circumstances of his Capture, became so deranged, that he attempted frequently to destroy himself; and that, according to the last Accounts received, the State of his Mind was such as to render him unfit for the Management of any Business which might have been intrusted to his Care; that in this melancholy Situation however, Don Martinez (notwithstanding the Vessel and Cargo had before been formally seized) attempted to procure from him the State of the Copper, of which a principal Part of the Cargo of the *Princeps Royal* had been composed, and that such Sale would actually have taken Place, had not the other Officers of that Vessel, seeing Colnett's Infanity, prevented it.

Your Memorialist farther begs leave to represent, that the American Ship *Columbia* intending to proceed to China, the Crew of the *N. W. America* were ordered by Don

Martinez