

A P P E N D I X.

Carolus III. King of Spain; that they had captured the schooner, and plundered the Iphigenia, but had permitted Captain Hudson to proceed without any molestation. As the Commodore heard this intelligence, he immediately gave Captain Colnett his word and honour that he would not offer to detain him, but give him every assistance in his power, in doing which, he only complied with the King of Spain's orders. Under these circumstances, and depending on his honour, Captain Colnett entered the Cove, and brought up between the frigate and snow; though I must add, that Mr. Barnett, with others of our well-wishers, advised us to anchor without side the Cove, that we might take a view of the surrounding objects in the morning. Every thing that night and the next morning seemed to wear a favourable aspect, no obstacle arising that might stop our departure.

In the afternoon Captain Colnett went on board the Commodore's ship, and requested his permission to go to sea immediately, which at first was granted, but on second consideration, the Commodore desired to see his papers. Captain Colnett left the Commodore, and came on board his own vessel; when, after having put on the Company's uniform, and his hanger, he took his papers on board the Commodore: he was then informed by that gentleman, that he could not sail that day; on which some high words ensued between them, and Captain Colnett insisted on going out immediately, which he said he would do unless the Commodore fired a shot at him; if so, he would then haul down his colours, and deliver himself up a prisoner: hardly had he uttered this, but he was put under an arrest, and his sword taken from him, the vessel seized, and the officers and crew taken out, and sent prisoners, some on board the ship, and the rest on board the snow, but what is most particular, he desired Captain Kendrick to load his guns with shot, to take a vessel that had only two swivels mounted; so that it was impossible to make any resistance against such superiority; indeed it would have been madness to have attempted it. The Commodore's passion now began to abate a little, and he sent for me from the St. Carlos, where I was imprisoned: when I came to him, he seemed to profess a very great friendship for me, and appeared to be exceedingly sorry for what, he said, his officers compelled him to do. He declared to me, that he had given Captain Colnett permission to depart, and would have assisted him all in his power, but that Captain Colnett insisted on erecting a fort opposite his; said he represented the King of Great Britain, and that he came to take possession in his Britannick Majesty's name. The Spaniard quored the same, and said he was representative of his most Catholic Majesty the King of Spain: but I have every reason to suspect there was a misunderstanding between the two parties, for the linguist spoke English very imperfectly, and in all likelihood interpreted as many words wrong as right. This is as particular and impartial an account of the above transaction as it is in my power to relate; but as this will be accompanied by Messrs. Funter and Barnett, who are permitted to take their passage in the American ship, and who were eye-witnesses of every transaction, it will enable them to explain every particular concerning it more explicitly than I am able to do in writing.

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