

company restricted in its trade, can be but partially called forth; but in the hands of Americans, enjoying a direct trade with the East Indies, would be brought into quickeaning activity; and might soon realize the dream of Mr. Astor, in giving rise to a flourishing commercial empire.

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WRECK OF A JAPANESE JUNK ON THE NORTH-  
WEST COAST.

The following extract of a letter which we received, lately, from Mr. Wyeth, may be interesting, as throwing some light upon the question as to the manner in which America has been peopled.

"Are you aware of the fact, that in the winter of 1833, a Japanese junk was wrecked on the northwest coast, in the neighborhood of Queen Charlotte's Island; and that all but two of the crew, then much reduced by starvation and disease, during a long drift across the Pacific, were killed by the natives? The two fell into the hands of the Hudson's Bay Company, and were sent to England. I saw them, on my arrival at Vancouver, in 1834."

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CAPTAIN BONNEVILLE FROM THE  
MAJOR-GENERAL COMMANDING THE ARMY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

*Head Quarters of the Army, }*  
WASHINGTON, August 3, 1831. *}*

SIR,—The leave of absence which you have asked, for the purpose of enabling you to carry into execution your design of exploring the country to the Rocky Mountains and beyond, with a view of ascertaining the nature and character of the several tribes of Indians inhabiting those regions; the trade which might be profitably carried on with them; the quality of the soil, the productions, the minerals, the natural history, the climate, the