

ed to the master, and, with the permission of Don Martinez, were shipped on board the *Princess 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 *Iphigenia* ; 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.

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