

and hoisted the colours which was answered when Captain Kendrick came on board

" Nothing can equal the pleasure I received on meeting with my old friend or our mutual professions of happiness on the occasion each being as eager to recount his various vicissitudes of fortune since parting as the other was to hear Captain Kendrick informed me that after the Columbia left China without stopping at Larksbay according to his orders to receive his dispatches for the owners and the Captain his final instructions he took a house at Macao he was so unfortunate as to loose the last season being detain'd in selling his skins and altering his vessel from a sloop into a Brigantine this being the cheapest way he could refit as she stood in need of every article both of sails and rigging he also met with every detention from the Chinese and the former Portuguese governor was not friend enough to assist him on the contrary did every thing to distress him he had his house at Macao broken open provissions denied him himself arrested in the streets by a guard of soldiers and ordered immediately to depart and not to return again on pain of imprisonment thus was he most distressfully situated obliged to go on board his vessel at Larksbay and but for the assistance of the new Portuguese governor who had just come over he thinks he should never have been able to get away

" Captain Kendrick left Larksbay in March in company with the Grace of New York Captain Douglass they went into a harbour on the southern coast of Japan where they were received by the natives with the greatest hospitality here Captain Kendrick displayed the American flag which is probably the first ever seen in that quarter they carried from China to Japan about two hundred prime sea otter skins but the Japanese knew not the use of them a few days sail from this they discovered a group of Islands to which on account of the natives bringing water off to sell was given the