

A P P E N D I X.

her a prime sailer,—in that case, you will proceed in company to the Coast, until you make Cape Saint James; when she will immediately separate from you.

As you steer along the North-west side of the Great Island, you will explore it minutely, to the height of 54° North; where resides a chief, whose district is large, and where Captain Dixon procured, in a few hours, two hundred cloaks, or six hundred skins. Between this Chief's residence and Cape Saint James, is a track of coast unexplored; and we may not, perhaps, vainly flatter ourselves, if we suppose, that in such an extent of country there reside many chiefs and numerous inhabitants. The monsoon will gradually blow you along this coast; and as you will have time and the season before you, you will explore it thoroughly. Having performed this point, from which great advantages may be expected, you will, of course, proceed to Otter Sound, and the bay to which you have been pleased to give my name. From hence you will proceed gradually to Prince William's Sound, visiting the various places on the coast where you have already been, and with which you are now so well acquainted, particularly Cross Sound, which appears to be of superior importance. In pursuing this track, I recommend your arriving there by the twentieth of May; where I think you ought to remain till the first of June, in order to draw, if possible, something from Cook's River; to which place I would by no means have you go, as it is now totally in the possession of the Russians: proceeding there would only be a waste of valuable time. On the first of June, therefore, you will leave the Sound, and again proceed to the Southward, retracing your old stations, (collecting the furs as they are procured), until you arrive at the place you have appointed to meet the America. That period, I beg may not be later than the first of August, 1789.

As there is sufficient scope to employ the N. W. America between the latitudes of 50° and $45^{\circ} 30'$ North, so in this station must she be occupied. Therefore let your orders to Mr. Funter be clear and explicit. When you separate at Cape Saint James, he will proceed into the Great Channel, and steer up the North-east side of the Great Island, as high as $54^{\circ} 30'$ North; and be employed alternately between the island and the main-land of America; a plan of which is now in your possession, as well as information of the various chiefs, and their places of residence:—the paper of intelligence respecting this, which I fortunately procured, accompanies these instructions; a copy of which you will give Mr. Funter, with a strict charge not to proceed to the North West side of the Great Island, except in your progress you see occasion to direct him. The N. W. America is so admirably adapted for this station, that we cannot but congratulate ourselves on building such a vessel. When the winds blow hard from the Great Island, she has but to seek shelter on the American shore, amongst the many bays and harbours that are there, where reside numerous inhabitants. When he is driven from this station by strong winds, the Eastern shores of the Great Island afford a certain asylum,—particularly the harbour of Port