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We ran over and anchored in  
the bay of San Pedro, where I  
purchased a stock of provisions  
sufficient to last twelve months,  
with hogs, sheep, &c., for fear of  
being obliged to take up our resi-  
dence on some of the desert islands  
to leeward. But Providence had  
ordered it otherwise. We conti-  
nued our run down the coast, col-  
lecting all the furs in our way,  
and arrived at the point of Califor-  
nia the 28th July. Here I took  
on board a supply of water, and  
sailed on the 30th for the Sandwich  
islands.

We experienced nothing ex-  
traordinary in our passage down,  
except a violent hurricane, which  
began on the night of the 8th of  
August, and lasted until the 10th  
at midnight. The ship was so  
strained in this gale as to set both  
pumps going again, and I hardly  
had a hope that she would live  
through it. Fortunately, as the  
gale abated, she leaked less, and  
our prospects brightened again.  
At 2 o'clock at night, of the 19th,  
we, to our great joy, saw fires on  
the high lands of Owhyhee, and  
the next morning got under the  
lee of the island, when we were,  
as usual, visited by great numbers  
of the natives, of both sexes, who  
brought us refreshments, &c.  
On the 22d, we anchored in Kara-  
kakooa bay in twenty-two fathoms,  
sandy bottom, where I had the  
satisfaction to find the Huron,  
of Newhaven, from a sealing  
voyage, bound to Canton. I  
agreed with this gentleman for  
my passage, and embarked on  
board all my furs and specie. I  
also landed at this island the

greater part of my remaining  
cargo, in the care of Mr. John  
Young, a respectable old man,  
long resident in these islands, and  
at present viceroy of Owhyhee.  
The 31st, I sailed for Whahoo,  
the present residence of the so-  
vereign; with him I hoped to make  
an exchange of my old ship for  
one of his small vessels, which it  
was my intention to send back to  
the coast with the remainder of  
my cargo, under the direction of  
Mr. Hudson, a young gentleman  
who had been long my companion  
and assistant. I arrived at Wha-  
hoo the 1st of September, where I  
found the Atahualpa, of Boston,  
captain Adams commander, also  
bound to Canton, from the N. W.  
coast. This ship had been treach-  
erously surprized by the savages  
of that coast, and the captain, all  
the officers, and great part of the  
crew murdered. Other officers  
and seamen had been put on board  
from other American ships on the  
coast, and she was now at the is-  
land to refit, where they received,  
from the king and others, every  
assistance and hospitable attention  
in their power to give. Tamaiha-  
maiha offered me my choice of all  
his vessels in exchange for my  
ship, and promised to equip the  
one I should choose in the best  
manner in his power. I accord-  
ingly made choice of a new schoo-  
ner, of about forty-five tons bur-  
then, then on the stocks, which he  
agreed to finish, with the assist-  
ance of my carpenters and men,  
and what he could not furnish him-  
self to complete her was to be taken  
from the ship. Tamaihamaiha  
was very much flattered by the  
confidence I placed in him, and  
assured me that I should have no  
just cause to repent it. It may  
seem extraordinary that I should

*at the Atahualpa ...*

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