

should be allowed to have a gold medal of Captain Cook, on his paying for the gold, and the expense of striking it ; in consideration of his intention to present it to the King of Poland.

During the two visits of the *Resolution* and *Discovery* at Kamtschatka, it was from Colonel Behm, the commandant of that province, that the ships, and the officers and men belonging to them, had received every kind of assistance which it was in his power to bestow. His liberal and hospitable behaviour to the English navigators, is related at large in Captain King's *Voyage*. Such was the sense entertained of it by the Lords of the Admiralty, that they determined to make a present to the colonel of a magnificent piece of plate, with an inscription expressive of his humane and generous disposition and conduct. The elegant pen of Dr. Cooke was employed in drawing up the inscription, which, after it had been subjected to the opinion and correction of some gentlemen of the first eminence in classical taste, was as follows :

"VIRO EGREGIO MAGNO DE BEHM ; qui Imperatricis Augustissimæ Catherinæ auspiciis, summaque animi benignitate, sæva, quibus præerat, Kamtschatkæ littora, navibus nautisque Britannicis, hospita præbut : eosque in terminis, si qui essent Imperio Russico, frustra, explorandis, mala multa perpressos, iterata vice excepit, refecit, recreavit, et commeatu omni cumulate auctos dimisit ; REI NAVALIS BRITANNICÆ SEPTENVIRI in aliquam benevolentiae tam insignis memoriam, amicissimo, gratissimoque animo, suo, patriæque nomine, D. D. D. M.DCC.LXXXI."

Sir Hugh Palliser, who through life manifested an invariable regard and friendship for Captain Cook, has displayed a signal instance, since the captain's decease, of the affection and esteem in which he holds his memory. At his estate in Buckinghamshire, Sir Hugh hath constructed a small building, on which he has