

Many volumes might therefore be printed for this Appendix from the manuscripts on hand ; but as it has been decided to confine the present work to six volumes, a selection has been made, and the remainder of the material will be published by the authors in separate volumes, with notes.

Whenever it has been considered advisable, a photograph of a document has been taken in addition to a manuscript copy, and in a few instances plates have been made from the photographs to serve as illustrations.

The value of this method has been proved in many instances. For example, the official despatch of Brigadier Townshend, as published by Jefferys, Knox, Hawkins and others, does not agree with the original.

Many difficulties had to be overcome, for although every facility was afforded by the possessors for copies to be made, a photographer could not always be found near where a document was deposited, and a long journey was sometimes necessary.

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Acknowledgment has been made elsewhere of the valuable services rendered by the Librarians in England, France, the United States and Canada.

A brief description is here given of the various journals and other documents which are printed in this volume.

(1) The Correspondance de Bougainville as published