

following will be regarded only in this light, but as a testimony of a disinterested stranger to the value of the mission to the Sandwich Islands.

CIVILITIES OF COMMODORE VASSILIEFF.

Decr. 24, 1821.

AT 10 o'clock, Mr. Bingham went on board his Russian Majesty's ship Otkritic, as he had before proposed; was present at divine service, it being their Sabbath, and they being ready to depart on the morrow. The aged priest their chaplain, over whose head had passed the snowy blasts of seventy-four winters, read the service in the formulas of the Greek church, while the ship's company stood, and bowed, and kneeled, and crossed themselves with him; and occasionally one of the number chanted a short strain as the priest proceeded with the reading. When a customary refreshment had been taken, at which the chaplain asked a blessing, the Commodore presented to the missionary an elegant silver medal, containing a good profile of the emperor, and the names of the two ships under his command. The Orphan School was then proposed as an object, which it was thought the Russian gentlemen would be pleased to patronize; and William Beals was introduced to them as one of the orphans in a course of education—

The Commodore said he was about to ask in what way he could be serviceable to us; and, as the subscription paper was read, signified his hearty approbation of the plan, and engaged, for himself and his officers, to make a donation. On leaving the ship, Mr. Bingham, in company with Mr. Boyle, called on Kaahoomanoo, where the physician left with him and Hopoo, directions for the continued treatment of her case.

30. This morning, just before the Russian ships left this place for St. Petersburg, the Commodore sent the proposed donation, accompanied

by the following letter, written in the Russian language, and translated.

His Imp. Maj. Ship, Otkritic,
Dec. 19, o. s. 1821.

DEAR SIR,—I heartily thank you for the opportunity given me, and the officers under my command, to be sharers in promoting the business of this Christian mission. The collection of seven golden ducats, and eighty-six Spanish dollars; I take the liberty of sending with this letter, of which you will make use as you think proper. Please to receive our most sincere wishes, that your good intention, and the glorious design in which you are engaged, may be greatly prospered.

MICHAEL VASSILIEFF.

Rev. Mr. Bingham.

[Fam. Vis.]

MONTREAL, APRIL 1, 1823.

PALESTINE MISSION.

WE feel a more than ordinary interest in behalf of this Mission. It is to the very birth-place of Christ—the scene of miracles; and where the awful tragedy of Calvary was acted. All those glorious events of scriptural record, from the time of the birth of our Saviour, rise up in our imagination, as we revert to the land of the Apostles. Centuries, however, have since intervened, but to throw a veil of obscurity over the primeval days of Christianity in Palestine.—The gleaming sword of Mahomet thinned and scattered the faithful followers of Christ; and the Koran was substituted for the Bible.—A long and dreary reign of spiritual darkness has accompanied the sovereignty of the Moslems. But the time has come, when the messengers of Jesus, are bearing the sacred oracles of truth to the most distant regions—Jerusalem has not been neglected. Through the instrumentality of missionaries, the Scriptures