

A P P E N D I X.

Nº III.

EXTRACTS of a LETTER from Mr. MEARES to CAPTAIN COLNETT,
dated MACAO, 25th April, 1789.

[*In Mr. Meares's Memorial of the 30th April, 1790. To accompany Inclosure No. I.*]

“ WE have well-founded information, that Mr. Jaques, Mate of the Princess Royal, gave copies of his own and Captain Hudson's journals and charts to Captain Metcalf, who commanded an American ship, when he was in China. This act of Mr. Jaques we esteem to militate so extremely against himself and our service, that we desire you to return him to China.

“ As it is probable, that in autumn, 1790, you may meet with a store ship from England, on the company's account, we have the strongest hopes, that should that event happen, that from her you will form the entire establishment of the coast on such reasonable terms under the present, that will meet our satisfaction, and enable the Company, through the medium of œconomy, to destroy all competition. It is probable, however, that all those engagements may be settled in England prior to the departure of the store-ship: in this case you will resign the charge of your concerns to those who are appointed to manage the same, and return, with the officers and people who are impressed from China, in the store-ship, or the Argonaut, whichever you think most eligible; but we rather apprehend that, by the above period, you will have so much tonnage on the coast, that it will be needless detaining the Argonaut, more particularly as we shall want her in 1791, to return her again to the coast. We have nothing more to repeat in addition to the former orders.”

Nº IV.

OBLIGATION TO RESTORE THE SHIP IPHIGENIA TO HIS CATHOLIC
MAJESTY IF DEEMED A LAWFUL PRIZE.

[*In Mr. Meares's Memorial of the 30th April, 1790. No II.*]

ON board His Majesty's Frigate, called Our Lady of the Rosary, alias the Princess, 25th May, of said year; I, Dⁿ Francis Joseph Viana, and Don William Douglas, the first Captain, and the second Supracargo of the Packet-boat Iphigenia Nubiana,