

1787.
December. of dunnaging the hold; and this afternoon we received 897 bundles from the Rose, and on the 27th, 563 bundles more.

We are in daily expectation of hearing good news from Canton, so that our preparations on board for a cargo of tea go on briskly. Adieu.

Thine, ever,

W. B.

WAMPO,
December 28th. }

L E T T E R XLIV.

AS we were now anxious to have the vessel ready for a cargo, and the weather was rather precarious, we engaged two Caulkers from the Houghton Indiaman, on the 28th of December, to assist our Carpenters, it being absolutely necessary to have the ship tight, before we could pretend to take any teas on board.

On the 29th an American vessel called the Alliance, Captain Read, anchored in the river. This vessel is frigate built, and had been employed against us with some degree of success during our late unhappy contest with the Americans; but now it seems their