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NARRATIVE OF SEVERAL TRADING VOYAGES FROM 1813 TO 1818, BETWEEN THE NORTHWEST COAST OF AMERICA, THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS AND CHINA, WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE RUSSIAN ESTABLISHMENTS ON THE NORTHWEST COAST.

INTERESTING EARLY ACCOUNT OF KAMEHAMEHA'S REALM; MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE, ETC.

AND SKETCH OF A CRUISE IN THE SERVICE OF THE INDEPENDENTS OF SOUTH AMERICA IN 1819, BY PETER CORNEY.

WITH PREFACE AND APPENDIX OF VALUABLE CONFIRMATORY LETTERS PREPARED BY PROF. W. D. ALEXANDER.

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PREFACE.

The following narrative by Mr. Peter Corney is now published in a separate form for the first time. As may be seen, it was first published serially in a weekly literary magazine in London, during the year 1821.

It seems to have been entirely overlooked by the historians of the North-west Coast of America as well as by those of the Hawaiian Islands. It even escaped the researches of the indefatigable H. H. Bancroft and of Robt. Greenhow, the historian of Oregon.

The author was once well known in Honolulu, and has a number of descendants living here. He died in 1836, on board of the bark *Columbia*, while on his way to what is now called British Columbia, where he was to occupy a responsible position in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. In consequence of his death his wife and children decided to remain in Honolulu, instead of continuing their voyage to the North-west Coast.

His narrative is a valuable contribution to the history not only of the North-west Coast, but also of the Hawaiian Islands. In particular, it throws much light on the proceedings of the

Russians here in 1815—1817, on the mutiny and piracy of the crew of the Argentine cruiser, *Santa Rosa*, her recapture by Capt. Bouchard of the frigate *Argentina*, and their homeward voyage, including the sack and burning of Monterey, California. It is also valuable as containing an account by a fair-minded eye-witness of the state of things in the islands near the close of Kamehameha's reign, which confirms the statements made by Alexander Campbell, James Hunnewell and other early visitors and residents.

W. D. ALEXANDER.

Honolulu, April, 1896.

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