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INCLUDING

A Narrative of the Author's Shipwreck on the Island of Sannack, and his subsequent wreck in the Ship's long-boat;

WITH

AN ACCOUNT OF THE PRESENT STATE OF THE SANDWICH ISLANDS,

AND

A vocabulary of their Language.

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PREFACE.

A PERUSAL of the voyages of discovery, which shed so much lustre on the reign of George III. naturally excites a strong desire to learn what effects have been produced among the nations whose existence they have introduced to our notice.

That the interests of science and commerce have been greatly promoted by these voyages, cannot be doubted; but it may be questioned whether the result has been equally beneficial to the natives of the newly discovered countries; and, as the editor* of Cook's last voyage justly remarks, "it would afford exquisite pleasure to every be-"nevolent mind, to be instructed in facts which might "enable us without hesitation to answer in the affirma-"tive."

The solution of this momentous question can only be obtained from the accounts of subsequent visiters; and the following narrative is submitted to the Public, as a contribution to the evidence required for that purpose. It was drawn up partly from the papers,† but chiefly from the recital of the author; and the editor has adhered as closely as the nature of the case would permit to the language in which they were originally related. The intervention of a third person between the traveller and the reader, is an evil which ought always, if possible, to be avoided; but in the present instance, some literary assistance was absolutely necessary; and the editor conceives he shall best

* Dr. Douglas, Bishop of Salisbury.

† For some account of these papers, see Note A.

have executed the task he has imposed upon himself, by stating, with strict fidelity, and in the simplest language, the facts as they were related to him.

A short account of the life of the narrator will enable the reader to judge of the necessity of such assistance, as well as of his qualifications to relate the incidents of his voyage.

Archibald Campbell was born at Wyndford, near Glasgow, on the 19th of July, 1787. His father, who was a soldier in the 45th regiment, died at St. Lucia, upon which his mother removed to Paisley, her native place, when her son was about four years of age. He there received the common rudiments of education, and at the age of ten was bound apprentice to a weaver. Before the term of his apprenticeship had expired, however, a strong desire to visit remote countries induced him to go to sea; and in the year 1800, he entered as apprentice on board the ship Isabella, of Port-Glasgow, commanded by Mr. Hugh Paterson. In this vessel he made three voyages to the West Indies. He afterwards served about a twelve-month in a coaster; and, in 1804, again sailed for the West Indies, in the sloop Robina, belonging to the same port.

At Madeira he was pressed on board the Diana frigate, and remained in that ship till her arrival at Portsmouth in 1806. He there found means to make his escape, and entered as seaman on board the Thames Indiaman.

The history of the six most eventful years of his life will be found in the following pages. He returned to his native country, in April, 1812, having lost both his feet; and from the unskilful manner in which amputation has been performed, the wounds have never healed.

A gentleman in Rio Janeiro, of the name of Lawrie, had furnished him with letters to his father in Edinburgh, by whose interest he obtained admission into the Infirmary in that city; but after remaining there nearly four months, he was dismissed as incurable.

Mr. Lawrie, senior, presented him with a barrel organ;