

in bringing her back to the United States ; but my final decision was against it. The consul was therefore desired to advertise her for sale, and in the mean time all her stores and armament were removed.

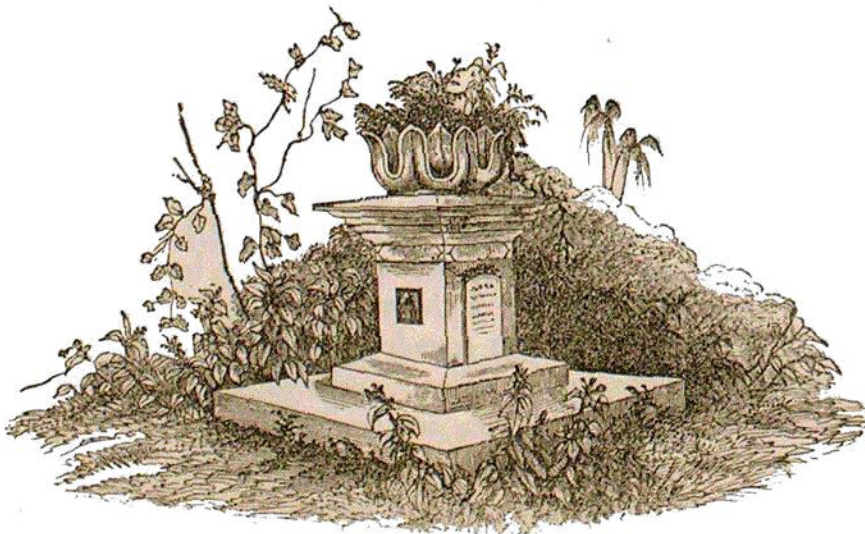
She was, agreeably to the notice, sold at public sale for three thousand seven hundred dollars. To part with this vessel was unpleasant on many accounts ; for she had been daily, for nearly four years, my first and last thought. The attachment I had felt for her was great ; the efficient aid she had occasionally afforded in the performance of my duties, caused me to value her highly ; and as a vessel of her class, she was almost faultless.

By the 25th of February, we had completed filling our water, which is here conveniently supplied by tank-boats ; and having obtained for the passage home all the stores we needed, except bread, we made every preparation for sailing.

In consequence of the short supply of the latter article, I determined to touch with the Vincennes at the Cape of Good Hope ; while the two brigs were ordered to stop at Rio Janeiro, for the same purpose, as well as to obtain some further observations, and additional specimens of natural history.

In the evening, we took leave of our worthy consul and his lady, who had afforded us every facility for procuring information as well as amusement, to render our stay agreeable, and to whom I now tender my own thanks, as well as those of the other officers of the Expedition.

At five o'clock on the morning of the 26th, I took advantage of the land-breeze, and made signal to the Porpoise and Oregon to get under way.



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