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OF

A VOYAGE TO JAPAN, KAMTSCHATKA,
SIBERIA, TARTARY,

AND

VARIOUS PARTS OF COAST OF CHINA;

IN H.M.S. BARRACOUTA.

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PREFACE.

DURING the late commission of Her Majesty's steam-sloop *Barracouta*, on the East India and China station, she was employed upon various interesting expeditions; her light draught of water and great steam power rendering her peculiarly applicable for such purposes.

I had the good fortune of visiting in her, in the years 1854, '55, and '56, various parts of the coast of China, the Japanese Islands, Kamtschatka, the coasts of Siberia and Tartary, and the island of Seghalien. I noted down, from time to time, whatever appeared to me to possess novelty or interest; only regretting that I could not do justice to the scenery: and I have arranged my notes in a Narrative form.

The coasts which I visited are now becoming more interesting to us, since the opening of China and