

of American lands, therefore, take this method of informing all classes of men in Europe that by application at their office, No. 24 Threadneedle street, London, they may meet objects worthy of their serious attention. That such as wish to hold lands (though aliens) in America, may purchase to any amount, on very low terms, and a perfectly secure tenure. * *

That such as may be inclined to associate for settling a commonwealth on their own code of laws, on a spot of the globe no where surpassed in delightful situation, healthy climate and fertile soil, claimed by no civilized nation, and purchased under a sacred treaty of amity and commerce, and for a valuable consideration, of the friendly natives, may have the best opportunity of trying the result of such an enterprise.*

No. 1.

To all emperors, kings, sovereign princes, states and regents, and to their respective officers, civil and military, and to all others whom it may concern :

I, GEORGE WASHINGTON, President of the United States of America, do make known that Robert Gray, captain of the ship called the Columbia, of the burden of about two hundred and thirty tons, is a citizen of the United States; and, as I wish that the said Robert Gray may prosper in his lawful affairs, I do request of all the before mentioned, and each of them, separately, where the said Robert Gray shall arrive with his vessel and cargo, that they will be pleased to receive him with kindness and treat him in a becoming manner; permitting him, on the usual tolls and expenses in passing and repassing, to navigate, pass and frequent their ports, passes and territories, to the end that he may transact his business where and in what manner he shall judge proper; and thereby I shall consider myself obliged.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents, and have hereunto set my hand, at the city of New York, the sixteenth [L. S.] day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

G. WASHINGTON.

By the President :

TH. JEFFERSON.

No. 2.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

By his excellency John Hancock, Esq., governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS—GREETING :

It is hereby made known that leave and permission has been given by the naval officers to Captain Robert Gray, master and commander of the ship Columbia, now lying at Boston, within this State, to depart from thence, and proceed with his ship and cargo on a voyage to the northwest coast of America; and that the said ship and cargo belong to Joseph Barrell, esquire, and others, gentlemen of character and reputation, citizens of this commonwealth, being one of the thirteen United States of America.

* In consequence of an expedition fitted out at Boston, North America, in the year 1787, Captain J. Kendrick, while prosecuting a voyage with the natives for furs, purchased of them, for the owners, a tract of delightful country, comprehending four degrees of latitude, or two hundred and forty miles square. The deeds are at present in China, and registered in the office of the American consul, and the agents are authorised to treat with any gentleman, or association, for the purchase of a tract of land, no where exceeded for fertility and climate, and which may, by a prudent management of some wise institution, become of the utmost importance.

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