

In the Department of State are four manuscript volumes of the journal of Captain Joseph Ingraham, of his voyage in the brig Hope, from Boston to the northwest coast, in 1790. These were purchased by the late Mr. Adams, when Secretary of State, for preservation in this department. This is the same Ingraham mentioned by Vancouver as uniting with Captain Gray in a written statement to the Spanish Señor Quadra, in which they stated that the Indians denied that they ever sold lands to any person except Captain Kendrick. Their correspondence is inserted in Ingraham's Journal, vol. iv, p. 185.

Again, on page 199, Ingraham writes, under date September, 1792:

"Since the business between Señor Quadra and Captain Vancouver terminated, Maquinna has executed to the Spaniards a deed of gift, accompanied by a declaration that he never sold any land whatever to Mr. Meares or any other person except Captain Kendrick, whom he acknowledges to be the proprietor of lands round Mahwinna; Captain Magie and Mr. Howard witnessed this deed and declaration."

This corroborates Captain Kendrick's letter to Mr. Jefferson, then Secretary of State, enclosing the copies of the five deeds, that his lands were expressly excepted in a conveyance made of the lands adjacent to and surrounding Nootka sound, in September, to Señor Quadra, and that the Spanish crown, by accepting the conveyance with this reservation, allowed his to be a prior and valid purchase.

On page 188, volume iv, speaking of Maquinna and other chiefs, Ingraham says:

"Every one of them inquires after Captain Kendrick, saying they had plenty of skins for him, and they would not sell them to any one else. This they told us in Kyaquot, latitude fifty degrees north. Indeed, they all seemed very fond of Captain Kendrick, for he had treated them with great kindness."

The witness John Cruft, whose affidavit is filed with the memorial and appended hereunto, is mentioned by Ingraham, volume i, page 46, where he speaks of "Mr. Cruft, my first officer;" and also volume ii, page 80, "the cove I named Cruft's cove, after my chief officer."

The witness John Young, is identified by Ingraham, volume iv, page 208. See also Irving's Astoria, volume i, chapter vi, page 71; Jarvis's Sandwich Islands, chapter vii. Vancouver studiously avoids any further mention of the purchases, and the Indian deeds to Kendrick and his possession, lest the United States government should be thereby reminded of its paramount right of jurisdiction over the soil which England, through him, was endeavoring to wrest from Spain. Ingraham, in volume iii, page 152, says, under date of the 7th of December, 1791: "In the evening arrived the brig Washington, Captain John Kendrick, from the north-west coast of America." This was written at Lark's bay. He adds, "he had been into Nootka Sound where the Spaniards had still possession."

Your committee submit with entire confidence that no reasonable doubt can be entertained that several purchases of tracts of land were made by Kendrick, who paid a valuable consideration for each of them, and that he made those investments in pursuance of the orders given him, and for the benefit of the owners of the sloop Washington. The inquiry then arises, what was the extent of those purchases. In answering this question there is some difficulty, arising from the imperfect knowledge of the country possessed at the time of the execution of these grants, and the necessarily imperfect description of the lands intended to be conveyed. We have, it is true, some knowledge of the names of the native chiefs (which correspond

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