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Joseph Barrell to Colburn Barrell.

June 18, 1795.

When I mentioned the large tract of country on the north-west coast, I did not expect much would have been said at present on that account; but I will state to you what I know of the matter, and I will write Mr. John Hoskins, who is now in France, and who has been on the land, and am sure the accounts he will give of the climate and produce of it must be pleasing to any one that may seriously wish to purchase. The deeds of these lands are yet in China, where, I understand, they are registered in the office of the American consul. They are from the chief of the country and contain all the authenticity that could be given of four degrees of latitude, or two hundred and forty miles square. This tract was purchased by Captain John Kendrick for the owners of the ship Columbia and sloop Washington, the first American vessels that ever went round the world. Of this concern I owned something more than two-seventh parts, and of course am entitled to that proportion of the land; the deeds of this land have been since recognized by the natives upon the claim of Mr. Meares. Mr. Hoskins was there on the spot, and heard the chiefs declare they had never sold any of their lands but this tract to Kendrick, which they declared they would abide by. * * * The Congress of the United States, nor any other power in the world, that I know of, claims any jurisdiction over them, and I suppose the title as good as can be given by uncivilized people.

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LONDON, August 31, 1795.

SIR: We have taken the liberty to address this circular to your Excellency as a specimen of one of our recent operations. We are forwarding the same to all parts of Europe; and as the great object of our office and manifest tendency of all our proceedings are to promote the prosperity of the United States, we assure ourselves they will meet your Excellency's approbation, and are therefore encouraged to solicit the honor of your countenance.

We are, with the highest respect, sir, your most obedient and humble servants,

BARRELL & SERVANTES.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF EUROPE.

The era of reason is now dawning upon mankind, and the restraints on men's laudable endeavors to be useful will cease. The agents for the sale