

by the President, that search should be made for proofs of Captain Kendrick having purchased lands of the Indians, on the North-west coast of America. I have examined Mr Barrell's papers and made inquiry of several persons who have been on the coast, all which proves, in the most satisfactory manner, that Captain Kendrick did make several purchases of the Indians, of lands, on that coast, for the owners of the *Columbia* and *Washington*, whose vessels were under his command. Captain Kendrick's letters and those of Mr. Howell, who was with him until he died, and took possession of all his papers, deeds, etc., explicitly declare that Captain Kendrick made several purchases of lands from the Indians about Nootka-sound, and for a distance of four degrees; and that there were regular deeds drawn up, and signed by a number of Indian Chiefs, conveying those lands to the owners of those vessels. These facts are corroborated by the evidence of several persons, now here, some of whom were present, as they state, when possession was given to Captain Kendrick, by the Chiefs, and who saw the deeds, and heard the Indians acknowledge that they had sold large tracts of lands to Captain Kendrick, and afterwards say, that they had never sold lands to any other person. The lands were taken possession of with much formality, the American flag hoisted, a bottle sunk in the ground, etc., and many Chiefs present at the ceremony.

From a variety of circumstances, the deeds for the above lands never reached this place. Mr. Howell, who had them in his possession, after the death of Captain Kendrick, writes from Macao, in 1796, to Mr. Barrell, in reply to a letter of Mr. Barrell, in which he requests him to send forward the deeds, saying that he then had the deeds; that they are recorded, there, by a Notary-public, and triplicates made out; and that the originals shall be sent forward. As late as May, 1798, Mr. Howell writes to Mr. Barrell, from Manilla, that "he is in daily expectation of his papers, and among them your deeds of the lands on the North-west coast: you shall certainly have them transmitted." The officer of the ship *Columbia*, who first landed and, by orders of his Commander, took possession at Columbia-river, is now here, and recollects all the circumstances of hoisting the American flag and planting some New England pine-tree shillings under a tree, naming the river after the ship, and the two capes, one the Hancock, the other Adams; etc. It is believed that the deeds of this land were registered in the Consulate, at Canton, as Colonel Perkins thinks he saw them there, in the hands of Mr. Randall, Vice Consul. Should the Government deem it proper to

make further inquiry into this business, much evidence can be found here, to substantiate the above statement; and the owners are taking means to procure from China, or from Bengal, where Howell is supposed to have died, the original deeds or authenticated copies of them: they are desirous of giving all aid to the Government. I would, with due diffidence, submit to your consideration, whether the best way to obtain well-authenticated evidence, would not be to require Judge Davis of this District, who, from his disposition to make researches in such things, is better qualified than perhaps any person here, to make such inquiries as Government may think requisite to be made. I do not propose this to avoid trouble, feeling myself bound to render any service in my power. I shall gratefully receive your commands, being, with very high respect, your obedient servant,

B. Joy.

HON. JAMES MONROE, Esq.,
Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, December 1, 1817.

DEAR SIR: I shall deem it a particular favor if you will have the goodness to forward to me, as soon as you conveniently can, copies of the papers relating to the purchase of lands from the Indians, on the North-west coast of America, and of the journal of the vessel, which you were good enough to lend me for my perusal when I had last the pleasure of seeing you at Boston.

I am with great respect, Dear Sir, your very obedient servant,

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

CHARLES BULLFINCH, Esq., Boston.

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XVII.

MORE TROOPS SENT TO CROWN POINT. EMBARGO LAID. BRADDOCK'S DEFEAT. REINFORCEMENTS TO BE SENT TO THE NEW ENGLAND ARMY. DEFEAT OF THE FRENCH, AT LAKE GEORGE. CONVENTION OF THE COLONIES. THE KING'S COMPLIMENTS TO RHODE ISLAND FOR HER AID IN THE WAR.

The encroachments of the French was the watchword used by the Ministry and their agents in America to rouse the Colonies to action. "They have long since marked out for