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to receive him, the said
afford him all such aid
need; and to treat him
permitting him, upon
ses in passing and re-
gate, and frequent the-
ries, wherever he may
may transact his busi-
manner, he shall judge
causing to be kept, by
marine Ordinances and
where he is trading.
l and the seal of the
d, this twenty-fourth
ber, A. D. 1790, and
th year of the inde-
the United States of

JOHN HANCOCK,
Commander,
MERRY, Jr., Secretary.
THE CARGO OF THE CO.
[A.]
OF AMERICA.

Westtown, in the Com-
achusetts.

it may concern, that
Commander of the
b hundred and twelve
vigated with thirty
guns, has permission
with the following
d bricks, six chal-
dred and thirty-five
s pork, three hogs-
sheds W. I. rum,
five barrels sugar,
hundred and two-
seventy-two pounds
ce, twenty barrels
and pounds bread,
hundred pounds
r, thirteen barrels
merchandise, six tons
l bar-lead, fifteen
ter, three hundred

and seals, at Boston
day of September,
one thousand seven

tor. [L. s.]
al Officer. [L. s.]

GOVERNMENT WITH
THE SHIPS.

ember 28, 1816.
a desire expressed

by the President, that search should be made
for proofs of Captain Kendrick having pur-
chased 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 acknowl-
edge 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
Macon, 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 Manila, that "he is in daily ex-
pectation of his papers, and among them
"your deeds of the lands on the North-west
"coast: you shall certainly have them trans-
"mitted." The officer of the ship *Columbia*,
who first landed and, by orders of his Com-
mander, 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
abovestatement; 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 Govern-
ment. 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 Govern-
ment 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 com-
mands, 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.