

there the sloop *Washington*, commanded by John Kendrick; and that I went on board the said *Washington*, and recollect that, while I was on board, I saw, on the deck of said sloop, the Indian Chief Maquinna, and other Indian Chiefs, making sale of lands to the said Captain John Kendrick. I likewise saw Maquinna go up to the masthead and point to distant parts of the territory, apparently with the intention of giving possession; and he did give possession. The aforesaid sale of territory was made in the year of our Lord 1791; as near as I can recollect. The Spaniards had left Nqotka-sound about two months before the sale. The fort which the Spaniards had built had the appearance of having mounted twenty guns, which a seventy-four gun ship belonging to the Spaniards carried away.

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JAMES X TREMERE.

Witness: B. B. TREMERE. mark
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, } ss:
Suffolk county,

November 1, 1838.

*Sworn to by the said James Tremere before me,

S. E. SEWALL,
Justice of the Peace.

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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 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 seriously one that may 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 recognised 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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CIRCULAR OF BARRELL AND SERVANTES, PUBLISHED IN FOUR EUROPEAN LANGUAGES, AND EXTENSIVELY CIRCULATED.

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 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 nowhere 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.*

* 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 authorized 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.