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Mr. MEARS's MEMORIAL, dated
30th of April, 1790.

(14 *Inclosures.*)

To the Right Honourable WILLIAM WYNDHAM
GRENVILLE, one of His Majesty's principal Secre-
taries of State.

The MEMORIAL of JOHN MEARS, Lieutenant
in His Majesty's Navy,

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT early in the year 1786, certain merchants re-
siding in the East Indies, and under the immediate pro-
tection of the Company, desirous of opening a trade
with the north-west coast of America, for supplying the
Chinese market with furs and ginseng, communicated
such design to Sir John Macpherson, the Governor Ge-
neral of India, who not only approved of the plan, but
joined in the subscription for its execution; and two
vessels were accordingly purchased, and placed under
the orders and command of your Memorialist.

That in the month of March your Memorialist
dispatched one of the said vessels, which he named The
Sea Otter, under the command of Mr. Tipping, to
Prince William's Sound, and followed her in the other
ship, which he named The Nootka.

That on your Memorialist's arrival in Prince Wil-
liam's Sound, in the month of September, he found
The Sea Otter had left that place a few days before; and,
from intelligence he has since received, the ship was

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