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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 Secretaries of State.

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

Most humbly sheweth,

THAT early in the year 1786, certain merchants residing in the East Indies, and under the immediate protection 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 General 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 William'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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