

Now, in order that the said master may prosper in his lawful affairs, it is earnestly requested and recommended to all who may see these presents, at whatever port and place said master, with his vessel and cargo, may arrive, that they would please to receive him, the said master, with goodness; afford him all such aid and assistance as he may need; and to treat him in a becoming manner, permitting him, upon paying the usual expenses in passing and repassing, to pass, navigate and frequent the ports, passes and territories wherever he may be, to the end that he may transact his business where and in what manner he shall judge proper, he keeping and causing to be kept by his crew on board, the marine ordinances and regulations of the place where he is trading.

Given under my hand and the seal of the commonwealth aforesaid, this twenty-fourth day [L. s.] of September, A. D. 1790, and in the fifteenth year of the independence of the United States of America.

JOHN HANCOCK.

By his excellency's command :

JOHN AVERY, Jr., *Secretary.*

No. 3.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

District of Boston and Charlestown, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

These certify all whom it may concern, that Robert Gray, master and commander of the ship *Columbia*, burden two hundred and twelve tons or thereabouts, navigated with thirty men, mounted with ten guns, has permission to depart from this port with the following articles, viz: two thousand bricks, six chaldrons sea coal, one hundred and thirty-five barrels beef, sixty barrels pork, three hogsheads N. E. rum, two hogsheads W. I. rum, five hogsheads molasses, five barrels sugar, ten boxes chocolate, two hundred and twenty-eight pounds coffee, seventy-two pounds Bohea tea, six casks rice, twenty barrels flour, twenty-seven thousand pounds bread, six firkins butter, five hundred pounds cheese, thirty barrels tar, thirteen barrels pitch, thirty packages of merchandise, six tons bar iron, twenty hundred bar lead, fifteen hundred pounds gunpowder, three hundred pounds small shot.

Given under our hands and seals at Boston aforesaid, the twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

B. LINCOLN, *Collector.* [L. s.]
JAMES LOVELL, *Naval Officer.* [L. s.]

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BOSTON, *November 28, 1816.*

SIR: In consideration of a desire expressed 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. Barrrell'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 who took possession of all his papers, deeds, &c., 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 In-