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Foreword regarding these selected letters about Ross Colony.

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Section. IV. of Introduction

"Another service intended by these introductory remarks is to mention the existence of English translations for these Russian-American Company records. Most translations are of documents in volumes 1-6 which are included in the calendar." (page 13). (3).

In this report I have included those letters and notes from the book "Records of the Russian-American Company 1802, 1817-1867" which relate to the Colony Ross and relations between the Company and the authorities in California which are recorded in this book from the National Archives in Washington D.C.

To aid in locating each letter from the book I have listed the page first, then the document number, the original date, and the folio number from the archives. I have selected those documents which mention or refer to "Ross" and others which deal with contacts between the Russian-American Company and Spanish authorities in California. I will include the entire text of some letters and significant parts of others. I found the entire book really significant in many ways and valuable to the historical research concerning Fort Ross.

A particularly significant part of this book's text presents a list of employees by name. When listed this will be of value to the historian at Fort Ross. Quite often visitors ask for such names which might identify an ancestor or historic person who may have been at the fort in these early days. I'll try to make such a list for reference. It is interesting that this book has no index.

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Each historic letter is identified with the following identification: in sequence; (1) Its page in the 1971 review book, (2) Document number, (3) The date of the original letter (4) The Folio number, (5) The identification or ~~title~~ title of each letter. followed by the text from each selected letter related to "Office of Ross".

Page 22, No. 184. 22 March, 1817 Folio 14-16. Main Office <sup>St Petersburg</sup> ~~(Moscow)~~ to Governor General Baranov. (Sitka). "----- Suggests certain men for appointment as managers at Sitka, Kodiak, Unalaska and Ross. Informs him of the Company's profits for 1814-1815; dividends have been placed to his credit."-----."

Page 21. No. 184. 22 March 1817. Folio 45-46. Main Office to Governor General Baranov. "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not yet acted upon the Company's request to obtain the privilege of free trade with California from the Spanish Government or with Canton from the Chinese Government. He is to send expeditions to both places."

Page 27, No. 451. 14 August, 1817 Folio 91-95. Main Office to Governor General Baranov or in his absence, to Captain Hagemester. "----- The Company is still seeking permission to trade with California. But the Spanish Government raised the question of the Russian settlement and fort at Bodega Bay. The Company replied that it is not a fort at Bodega Bay. The Company replied that it is not a fort, but a stockade for protection against the natives. It was asked for a reply to the Spanish Ambassador's note.-----"

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Selected letters relating to "Ross" 1803, 1817 to 1867"

by John C. McKenzie

Historic Letters relating to "Ross" ( Colony Ross) from the letter text letters edited by Raymond H. Fisher's report on The Records of the Russian-American Company, 1803, 1817 to 1867, National Archives, Washington D.C. 1971. This is a selected list of letters by John C. McKenzie

These edited letter texts are selected from the "Calendar of Communications Received by Governors General ( In Alaska) 1803, 1817- 1867.

These texts are selected from the following "Chapters of the book:

Volume 1. ( 18 April 1802; 22 March 1817-19 September 1819. )	page 21-41
Volume 2 ( 12 January 1820 & October 1821. )	page 42-42--66
Volume 3 ( 24 February 1822- 16 November 1823 )	page 67--86
Volume 4 ( 19 February- 12 December 1825 ).	page 86-- 122
Volume 5 ( 13 March 1826- 15 April 1827 )	page 122-146
Volume 6 ( 23 March- 1828- 13 December 1829 )	page 147-179.

Mr. Fisher makes some explanations in his introduction to aid in the study of these letters: " A summary is given for each document listed in the "Calendar", for brief documents, the summaries are little less than verbatim translations. Documents of considerable length and deemed of sufficient importance or significance are given extensive treatment. Most of the documents are devoted to a single subject, but a number deal with more than one. The intent ( of this report) has been to give an adequate idea as to the nature of the material! "

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"The largest number of translations are those made by the Alaska History Research project 1936-1938. under the supervision of Dr. Tikon L. Lavrischeff. A positive microfilm copy may be ordered from the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. 20540 (Control No. 10612). "

The letters selected for this report are those which either mention "Ross" or are related to the colony in one way or another. In each item The page in Fisher's report is given, then the date of the letter, its "Folio number" and the title of the letter. Each Volume number is given with the inclusive dates. In most cases the entire text is copied. In others selected parts are copied. In a few cases I have included a foot note relating the subject of the letter to an artifact in the Fort Ross collection or a person interested in Ft. Ross. No attempt has been made to present the letters which involve the Russian-American Company, Russia and the governments of The United States, Spain, and Mexico in their diplomatic correspondence. Quite a few letters do deal with these problems.

It seems quite evident from the wording of these letters and their often briefness that these texts are abbreviated and present the principal subject or subjects of each letter, its date, origin and the name or office of the officer, or Governor General to receive it.

"Calendar of Communications Received by Governors General.  
1802, 1817-1867"

Volume 1.

✓ 18 April 1802, 22 March 1817 - 19 September 1819. (

"Page- In Fisher's book. "Date", of letter. "Folio number, "Source and assigned recipient."

Page 22. 22 March 1817. Folio 14-16. No. 182  
Main Office to Governor General Baranov.

"----- Suggests that certain men be appointed as managers of Sika, Kodiak, Unalaska and Ross. Informs him of the Company's profits for 1814-15. Dividends have been placed to his credit.-----"

Page 23. 22 March 1817. Folio 45-46. no. 184.  
Main Office to Governor General Baranov

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not yet acted upon the Company's request to obtain the privilege of free trade with California from the Spanish Government or with Canton from the Chinese Government. He is to send expeditions to both places."

✓ Page 27, No. 451. 14 August 1817. Folio 91-95  
Main Office to Governor General Baranov (or in his absence to Captain Hagemester.) Paragraph 8.

"The Company is still seeking permission to trade with California, but the Spanish Government raised the question of the Russian settlement and fort at Bodega Bay. The Company replied that it is not a fort at Bodega Bay. ~~The Company~~ but a stockade for protection against the natives. It was asked for a reply to the Spanish Ambassadors' note. Copies of the note and reply are enclosed under No. 5 "

Page 2. More.

Page 30, n.n.(No Number) 14/26 March 1817. Folio 136. "(Dimitrii Pavliovich) Tatishchev, Russian Ambassadore at Madrid Count Nesselrode. (A translation.)" . " Report of his interview with <sup>Pizarro</sup> ~~(Pizarro)~~ Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the subject of Russian encroachment in California. Pizarro mentioned the agreement reached between the Commandant at San Francisco and Rezanov in 1803 (1806) to open the ports of San Francisco, Monterey and San Diego to the Russians. (Enclosure to no. 451 under no. 5" )

Page 36. No. 137. 21. March 1818. folio 216-218. Main Office to Governor General Baranov. " The approaching termination of the Company's charter makes it necessary to have a complete accounting of the the Comany's affairs in America. Invoices of goods furs, stores, and so forth, : lists of buildings, ~~forss~~ ,ships, weapons, and so forth: and a list of names of employees, including deceased."

Page 36, No. 176. 21 March, 1819. Folio 224. "Main Office to Governor General Hagemeister (or his dputy ) Replies to his No. 107 (6 April 1818.)" "Seals are being sent for the Ross, Kodiak and Unalaska offices."

(note. A lead seal with PAK on one side and the Royal Eagle on the reverse side was found at Flrt Ross.)

Page 37. No. 203. 19 March, 1819 Folio 232. Main Office to Governor General Hagemeister (Or his deputy) Replies to his. No. 11 ( 6 April 1818)

"Approves the payment of salary to American skippers Benzemen and Young."

(Note. A decendant of Captain Benzemin ,living near Guerneville donated a samovar, a family heirloom, to Fort Ross State Historic Park.) Spelling of the name had been changed to Benjemin.")

Page 40 No. 488 12 August. folio 265-266. Main Office to Governor General Hagemeister.

The Spanish Government has strongly protested against this commercial transactions on the coast of Peru and California and makes a claim for nonpayment of to 20 percent ad valorem duties."



Page 41. No. 593 17 September 1819. Folio 270-272

Main Office to Acting Governor General Ianovskii.

"----- Now that Company employees are being paid salaries instead of shares, since <sup>1</sup> February 1819 it is necessary to set the money salaries. For Kodiak 3,000 r and for Unalaska 2,000. r. are allocated. Salaries of detachment leaders will be determined later. Recommends that <sup>Karl von Schmidt</sup> (Shmit) replace Kuskov at Ross at a salary of 3,000 r. The Company is seeking a successor to Ianovskii as Governor General."

Page 41. No. No.601 19, September 1819 Folio 276.

Main Office to Acting Governor General Ianovskii.

"Orders him to arrest and send to Russia via Okhotsk certain Promyshleniki who sold furs to an English sea captain. Inquiries about the trade in tortoise shell.

Page 41. No. 602. 1 (sic) September 1819. Folio 277.

Main Office to Governor General Hagemeister.

"<sup>1</sup> informs him that two young men, assistants (~~prom~~/ pomshleniki) who are qualified to assist him and the head of the office (kantor ) have been sent ~~to~~ on the BORODINO. One of them speaks English."

Volume 2. Page 42 No. 51. 15 January 1820. Folio 6. Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

"Ivan Alexandrovich Kuskov manager at the Ross settlement in California is to be replaced by Navigator Shmit ( Sic. Karl Von Schmidt.) "

Page 42. Volume 2. No.52. 15 January 1820 Folio No. 8.

Main office to Governor general Muraviev. Replies to Ianovskii's N.331 He is to investigate the shortage in the accounts of Svinin, the former elderly employee at Ross settlement and to report to the Main Office."

Page 4.

Page 47. No. 248 15 April 1820. Folio 70-71

Main Office to Governor General Muaviev

"Grants permission to paint houses and <sup>roofs</sup> of all the Company's buildings in the colonies. Paint is being shipped on the Kutusov."

Page 49. no. 275. 29 April 1820 Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. "----- There is no hope of attracting permanent settlers

to the Ross settlement to produce and sell grain to the Company.

Maybe creole families should be sent to Ross (c). This is answered by the idea in section (a). Muraviev can carry out the proposal when he has acquired a surplus of grain from California, as did Hagemierster. There is nowhere else to get it. If it can be obtained there, Should it be shipped in one large vessel to Kamchatka, or in two, one of them to Okhotsk. Where it can pick up supplies for the colonies."

Page 51. no. 432 3 August, 1820 Folio 104-105 .

Main Office to Kuskov, Manager at Ross Settlement. "Wants to know what success has been obtained in the trade in torois shell, how the vineyard at Ross is coming along and the possibility of its expansion. He is to send a party to hunt white wolves, reportedly on island off the coast of California."

Page 55. No. 130 4 March 1821 Folio No. 147-148.

Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to Ianovskii's No. 35.  
( 18 April ,1820 )

Because the Aleuts receive low pay for their hunting, made even lower by payment in goods, especially tobacco, which provides the main incentive for their hunting, he is to make sure that enough tobacco and other articles are kept on hand at Unalaska office for the needs of both Russians and Aleuts, lest the Company be accused of exploitation."

Page 56. No. 152 8 March 1821 Folio 161-163  
Main Office to Gov.Gen.Muraviev.

The rebellion in California appears to have closed off that source of grain supply. Toro might be imported from the Sandwich Islands, but its but it must be processed and King Tomari may be unfriendly. Manila is the only other source, but Spain's control of its colonial trade prevents that unless the Russian Government can gain the right for Russians to trade there, which the Company has asked the Government to do. (Erroneously numbered 144 on Folio 16.)

P.56 No.144 8 March 1821 Folio k630166. Main Office to Minister of Finance.

Responding to an inquiry whether it can provide Okhotsk and Kamchatka with food supplies, The Company notes the difficulties of doing this. Without more farmers, Ross will not become a source of food supplies. Trade with California and the Philippines is blocked by Spanish colonial policy. To supply the Colonies through Okhotsk or from Kronshtadt means high freight charges and spoilage. Rebellion in California makes that place a doubtful source. The Company is obliged to ask the Government to obtain the right to trade with New Spain. Only then will the colonies, Okhotsk and Kamchatka, have enough grain.

Page 57. No.153. 8 March 1821. Folio 170-171. Main Office to Gov.Gen.Muraviev.

Denies the requests of Company employees at Ross to be allowed to leave the Company's service. No person in debt to the Company should be allowed to leave the colonies. Good mechanics and other desirable men must be persuaded to stay.

Page 57. No 154 8 March 1821 Folio 172-173  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

Instructs him to deduct from the salary of employee Izotov a sum sufficient for the support of his old and indigent father to Tiumen."

Page 65 No. 587 \_ October 1821 Folio 270-271.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

On the recommendation of Hagemeister, ~~and~~ Ianovskii, and others, the Company not only has canceled Khlebnikov's debt to the Company, but has made an award of 5,000 r (Rubles) because of his willingness to remain in the colonies until the Governor General leaves, despite his wish to return to Russia."

Page 66. NO. 592 6 October 1821. Folio No. 278-279.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

Thanks him for the plans he submitted for northern exploration.

Reminds him that all such explorations must ~~be~~ have as their goal the Company's profit. The Company is displeased with Count Rumiantsev's participation in this undertaking and warns Muraviev not to give him any assistance and not to let him know the full extent of the discoveries."

Page 67 Chapter 3 24 February to 16 November 1821

Page 84 No. 314 20 May 1823. Folio no. 323  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev

He is to send 7,000 pods of California wheat to Kamchatka."

Page 84 No. 371 21 June 1823 Folio 327  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

"He is to obtain from employee Popov a statement as to whether or not he is willing to give his mother a part of his salary for her support."

Page 85 No. 408 12 July 1823 Folio No. 329

✓ Page 84. No. 314 20<sup>th</sup> May 1823 Folio # 323  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev

He is to send 7,000 pods of California wheat to Kamchatka.

✓ Page 85. No. 408. 12 July 1823. Folio # 329.

Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

"He is to increase the salary of employee Svinin at the Ross settlement from 400 r. to 600 r. pr year."

Volume 4 19 February 1824 - 12 December 1825.

✓ Page 88. No. 123 27 February 1824 Folio # 16-17

Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his No. 46.  
(12 February 1823) Schmidt.

"He is to order Schmidt (Manager of Ross) Officer in charge of Ross, to carry out Khlebnikov's recommendations. The Government is negotiating with England and the United States to establish exact boundaries for the Russian colonies. Ross is to be improved, and two families of creoles are to be sent there as farmers and fully equipped.

✓ Page 88. No. 124. <sup>27</sup> February 1824. Folio # 18.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his No. 47.  
12 February 1823.

"Instructions to continue the hunting of Sea Otters in California despite the unsuccessful negotiations for a mutual working arrangement with the Mexican Government there."

✓ Page 88. No. 125. 27 February 1824 Folio 20.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his no. 43  
(13 February 1823.)

"Instructions to continue to buy grain in California regardless of rising prices. New foreigners will be trading in the colonies, and what-ever is necessary should be purchased from them.

Page 88. No. 148. 5 March 1824. Folio # 22.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

"The Company made a report to the Russian Government based on the Governor general's communication No. 125 of 18 April 1823."

Page 102. No. 717 4 November 1824. Folio 231  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev.

" He is to inform Benzeman (sic) that his application to become a Russian Subject has been approved. Encloses no. 449 and two unnumbered documents described on the next page."

Page 103. NO.449 31 October 1824 Folio 232  
Ministry of Finance , Department of Manufacturing and Domestic  
Commerce to Company's Main Office. Replies to letters Nos. 671  
(November 31, 1823) and # 52 (26 November 1823 and 52  
(26 January 1824.)"

~~The petition of Seaman Benzeman (sic) to become a~~  
Russian subject has been approved.(Enclosure to no. 217)

Page 103 No. N.N. 25 April 1823. folio 233  
Christofer Benzeman to Governor General Muraviev.

Petition to become a Russian subject. (Enclosure to no. 717)

Page 103. N.N. 13 October 1824. Folio 235  
Governing Senate to Minister of Finance Kankrin

" Way now clear for Christopher Benzeman, a native of Danzig, to become a Russian subject. An oath should be sworn by him(Enclosure to no.717.)

(Note. The wife of a decendant ~~ffp~~ of Christopher Benzeman donated a Russian Samovar and other family heirlooms to Fort Ross S.H.P. JCMCK.)

Page 106. Volume 4. no.264.20. March 1825.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev Replies to his no. 10  
( 4 February 1825.

" The Company is pleased to know that vaccination for cowpox was introduced into the colonies.

(Historic Note. from Cook.S.F. Bulletin of the History of Medicine.  
Vol. VII.No.2.1939.P.171.)

"In 1821 the Russian Frigate RUSA or RUTUSOV came into Monterey Harbar and the ship's surgeon Bacilia Merlin came ashore with vials of "Smallpox lymph" from Lima, Peru. Some 54 people were Vaccinated."

In June of 1829 James Ohio Pattie brough vaccine to Bodega Bay and vaccinated some 1,500 persons in the Colony Ross."

Page 106 No. 206. 20 March 1825. Folio 280

June 4. (c.n.)

Page 106. 20, March 1825 Folio 280.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev Folio 280  
Replies to his nos. 105 (19 April 1820) and 146 1 May 1824)

"Instructions to raise Khlebnikov's salary to 12,000 r (Rubles) a year as a reward for his outstanding work on trade conditions in California. The reward to Etolpn is left up to the Governor General.

Page 107 No. 267. 20 March 1825 Folio 282.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his no 66.  
2 April 1824.

" Refers him to dispatch no. 21 ( 27 February 1824) regarding rewards to Aleuts employed in making traps.

Page 107 No. 268 20 March 1825 Folio 284.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. replies to his no.67  
( 2 April 1824)

"The Company approves all rewards he has made to employees and reminds him that he has full freedom to make them.

Page 110. No. 280 20 March 1825 Folio. 329.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his No. 355  
( 24 October 1823).

" The Company approves the request to raise the pay of Aleuts engaged in making traps."

Page 110 no. 290. 20 March 1825 Folio 331  
" Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his no. 354  
( 24 October 1823.)

" The Company is increasing the sum available for rewards from 5,000 r. to 10,000. r. but he is to keep this knowledge secret from his successor."

Page 111. No.296. 20 March 1825. Folio ~~344~~ 345.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his No.177  
( 9 May 1824)

" The Company has sent the ikons for the Chapel at Ross."

Page 111 No.299 20 March 1825. Folio 349.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his no. 170  
( 6 May 1824.)

" The Company wants to know if any daily meteorological observations are being ~~see~~ made in the Colonies.

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✓ Page 113. No. 327. 27 March 1825 Folio # 365  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his no. 83  
( 10 April, 1824.)

"Instructs him to collect statistical data about the colonies and to obtain a detailed description of Ross, of the Spanish Mission in the area, and of the native tribes around Ross. All this information is to be sent to the Main Office."

✓ Page 114. No. 334. 27 March 1825 Folio 379.  
Main Office to Governor General Muaviev.

" As requested ( 25 November 1823) by Shnidt ( Sic.Schmidt) ,  
Manager of Ross, The Company has sent 1,000 r. to his relatives,  
deducting this amount from his salary."

✓ Page 116 no. 373 27 March 1825. Folio # 422  
Main Office to Governor General Muaviev

" The Company has petitioned the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for permission to purchase a few peasant families and to transfer them to Ross as farmers. If it is denied, the Company will try to hire free persons. Encloses unnumbered document described on the next page."

✓ Page 117. n.n. n.d. (No date.) Folio 423-425.  
Main Office to Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

"Report on Ross- its present situation, historic background, and a future project. (Enclosure to no. 373.)

Volume 5 13 March - 15 April 1827.

✓ Page 125 No. 258 24 March 1826  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev, Replies to his no. 110  
( 12 April 1826.

" He is to send creols to Ross only if they are capable of farming. He is also to send to Ross some Company employees who are peasants."

✓ Page 126 No. 264 24 March 1826.  
Main Office to Governor General Muraviev. Replies to his # 127.  
( 22 April 1825.)

" The Company approves the replacement of Schmidt by Shelekhov as manager of Ross."

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Volume 5 (con.)

✓ No. 246 31 March, 1827. Folio # 204.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his No. 105,  
( 2 April , 1826.)

"The description of the colonies and of California made in 1825 by Khlebnikov was received and found most useful. The Company wants information about the colonies that would aid in the completion of statistics."

Page 139 No. 248 31 March 1827. Folio 208  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his No. 16.  
( 26 October, 1825.)

" The proposed expedition beyond Bering Strait cannot be undertaken at this time because Clunt Sergei Rumiantsev, heir to Count Nikolai Rumiantsev, failed to provide the necessary money."

✓ Page 143 No 274. 31 March 1827. Folio 260  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his No. 167.  
( 2 May, 1825)

"The Company received the Oath given by Benzeman in connection with his promotion to officer's rank."

✓ Page 146. No. 340 15 April 1827. Folio 300-301.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov, Replies to his no. 104  
( 2 April 1826.)

"Farming at Ross should not be expanded but improved. Ross cannot supply enough grain for the colonies. Additional grain should be purchased in California as before."

Volume 6. 23 March 1828 - 13 December, 1829.

✓ Page 148 No. 223. 23 March 1828. folio 13.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his No. 316.  
(5 October 1826) and 119 (30 April 1827.)

" Acknowledge receipt of the list of those at Navo-Arkhangelsk, Ross and on the Aleutian Islands who took the oath of allegiance to the Emperor Nikolai Pavlovich and receipt of the report of Midshipman Etolin."

Page 148. No. 224. 23 March 1828. Folio # 15  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov Replies to his No. 2.  
( 8 January 1827.)

"Authorization to deduct 119 r 26 k. from Benzemen's salary in connection with his promotion to a higher rank."

Volume 6.

Page 150 No. 237 22 March 1828 Folio 39.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his "o. 58  
(30 March 1827.)

" He is to pay Benzeman 1,000 r. in addition to his salary increase of 1,000. r a year in appreciation of his zealous service."

Page 159. No. 349 13 April 1828 Folio 122-123.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his no.51.  
( 24 March 1827.) .

"Expresses the hope that the hunting of sea otters along the California coast in cooperation with the California administration can be resumed and that hereby grain can be obtained for the colonies. Though the Ross settlement is at present useless. It should be left as it is for the present for the time being in case Russia recognizes Mexico. Sees little danger to Ross from Californians. Refers to an episode at the Farallone Islands. Prefers that goods from Kronshtadt or,oney be used to buy grain from the Americans, seals are to be exchanged only as a last resort."

Page 162 No. 358 13 April ,1828. Folio 157.  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov.

" In view of the difficulties of obtaining grain from California, the Company has ordered the Okhotsk office to send him in the summer 1,000 pods or more of flour, next year from 3,000 to 4,000 pods , and thereafter, the same amount or more is it can be brought from Irkutsk."

Page 168 No. 195 10 February 1829  
Ministry of Finance, Department of State Property, in the Russian American Company.

" Asks whether the Company could acquire seeds of the Norfolk Pine ( Araucaria excelssa ) and California Cedar ( Pinus labertiana ) found between the 40th and 43rd parallels. N.latitude near the Ross settlement. The Ministry seeks to grow in Tauruda Guberniia trees better suited for shipbuilding (Enclosure to no. 333.)

Page 177. No. 418 10 April 1829 Folio 302  
Main Office to Governor General Chistiakov. Replies to his No. 81.  
( 13 April 1828 )

"The Company reaffirms its opinion that there is no hope of agricultural development at Ross settlement and that expenses should be met from other local sources. Wants Shelekov to continue in the colonies, with an increase in salary to be determined by the Governor General."

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