

Sir

Washington May 28, 1853

I have the honor to acknowledge the reception of your letter of the 18 Instant handed to me by Mr. Svertchkoff, and to tender you my sincere gratitude for the obliging manner with which you have given me the facility to forward some important Communications to my Government, and also for the passport to protect the Vessel for the N. W. Coast, which will be of great importance to our small establishment there, that suffers now for want of the necessary supplies it yearly received.

Availing myself of this my first opportunity of making use of your passport and send out my Dispatches I take at the same time the liberty to ask the favours of your Excellency, for the favour Mr. Mentorn, Merchant of New York.

I have anticipated your complying disposition, in regard to the departure of Gen^l Moscau the great importance of which could not escape your attention. The General fixed upon the Hannibal from New York for his passage, if a passport from you will favour this measure, the details of the Vessel are here under. The Russian Secretary P. Ivenin Knt. will accompany the General, and they are to sail in the course of 8 or 10 days.

I have the honor to return you the passport for the Dorothea, which had been fixed upon for the General's Departure, the proprietor of the Vessel having declined for several reasons

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His Excellency
Peer name