

Appendix 2: Firearms in Hawai‘i, 1786–96

Table 2A.1: From ‘Expenditures for the *Columbia*’s Outfit and Cargo’, September 1790

		Remarks
John Derby	1 pair of 4 pounders	Ships’ armament rather than trade items?
	1 pair of 3 pounders	
	4 pairs of swivels	
	One Iron Cabouse	
	Carting gunns etc	
D. Harthorne	freight of gunns from Salem	
Jos. Callender Senr	135 lb shot at 3d and 1 cartridge box	
Robt. & Joshua Davis	3 doz. handspikes	
John Andrews	nails	In part, for ships’ use?
Elisha Sigourney	71 lb. grape shot	
Jos. Coolidge	31 bullet moulds	
	1 doz. common spikes	
Under ‘cargo’	a lot of barr iron	In part for ship’s use?
	45 quatre cast powder	
	6 1/2 barrels powder	
	20 doz. cuttoe knives	
Listed under individual crew	(1, 8, 4, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3) = 32 musketts	
from ‘government’	100 musketts	
	8 blunderbuses	

Source: Howay (1941 pp. 443, 463).

Table 2A.2: Post-voyage inventory of Cptn Charles Bishop after a voyage to the north-west Pacific coast and Hawai'i, March 1796 (Canton)

Expenditure	
a) To purchase furs, includes	23 half-barrels of powder
	64 musketts
	15 pistols
	5,000 flints
	79 1/2 dozen knives
b) To purchase 192 leather war dresses (NW Pacific Coast?)	10 pounds of powder
	4 musketts
	8 silver hilt swords
	3 tin powder flasks
	? cwt muskett ball
c) Provisions (Hawai'i and NW Pacific Coast?)	24 1/2 bars of iron
	2 cwt 3.0 lead balls and shot
	12 half-barrels powder
	2 musketts
	11 dozen knives
	6 bars of steel
d) Breakages	2 pistols (burst)
	1 muskett damaged
e) Goods disposed off at Falklands and Sandwich Islands (not separated in inventory)	1 half-barrel powder
	5 yds cloth
	1 Fowling gun
	2 Hatts
	2 dozen knives
3 razors	
European cargo remaining at Canton, March 1796	16 half-barrels of gun powder
	127 trade guns
	23 pistols
	5,000 flints
	10 cwt 2.0 lead ball and shot
	40 hatchets
	9 dozen Japanese powder flasks

Source: Roe (1967, pp. 162–66).

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