Early Russo-Japanese Relations during the Nineteenth Century

The following two items were selected from the USC collections to illustrate the beginning of Russo-Japanese relations in the nineteenth century.

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Title: 環海異聞 Kankai ibun
Translated Title: [Description and Circumnavigation of the World]
Author: 大槻玄沢 Ōtsuki Gentaku (1757-1827), 志村弘強 Shimura Hiroyuki (1769-1845)
Date: 1807
Physical Description: 8 volumes
Subject: voyages around the world, Russia
Note: This document is about Japanese shipwrecked survivors who went on to live eleven years in Russia before being brought back to Japan by the Russian envoy Nikolai Rezanov in 1804.
Available also online: http://digitallibrary.usc.edu/search/controller/view/rbm-m817.html

Title: 日本古地図大成: 世界図編 Nihon kochizu taisei: sekaizu hen
Translated Title: The World in Japanese Maps Until the Mid-19th Century
Author: 織田武雄 Oda Takeo, 室賀信夫 Muroga Nobuo, 海野一隆 Unno Kazutaka
Date: 東京: 講談社 Tōkyo: Kōdansha, 1975
Physical Description: 2 volumes
Subject: early world maps
Note: Plate no. 84 (pp. 194-195) is a facsimile copy of a handwritten and translated copy of 露西亜図 or 魯西亞圖 Roshia zu (Map of Russia, 1808), by 藤良道 Tō Ryōdō. The original map was brought to Japan by the Rezanov delegation in 1804. Next to the map (p. 195) is 萬國人物圖纂 Bankoku jinbutsu zusan, a picture of Rezanov and Captain Krusenstern, a German Admiral of the Russian Imperial Navy.
Available also online: 露西亜図 Roshia zu is held in the Kano Collection at the library of Tohoku Tōhoku Daigaku Kanō Bunko 東北大学狩野文庫: http://dbr.library.tohoku.ac.jp/infolib/meta_pub/G9200001CROSS
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