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Visit of Maria Teresa Malaspina

Did you know?

Today is
Alexandro
Malaspina's
254th birthday!

Buon
compleanno,
Alessandro!

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On August 1 the AMRC was delighted to welcome Signora Maria Teresa Malaspina, sister of the Marchese Obizzo Malaspina of Carbonara.

Ms. Malaspina, with her friends Mr. and Ms. Zingarini, stopped in during a cruise from California to Alaska, on which she retraced part of the voyage of her famous relative Alexandro.

During her visit, Ms. Malaspina presented the Centre with a signed copy of Augusto Zeri's 1905 *L'Influenza Italiana nella Grandezza di Spagna: Alessandro Malaspina e la Relazione del suo Viaggio*.

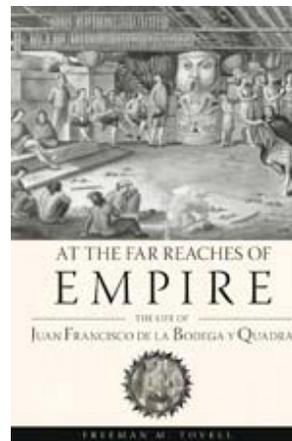


Sra. Maria Teresa Malaspina (in white) with AMRC Director John Black, flanked by Mr. and Ms. Zingarini.

Two Valuable Gifts from Freeman Tovell

Retired diplomat and historian Freeman Tovell has made two important gifts in recent months.

The first comes with the publication of *At the Far Reaches of Empire*, his biography of Juan Francisco de la Bodega y Quadra, last commandant of the settlement at Yuquot. The book is a gift to the entire fields of maritime and Spanish colonial history. This thoroughly scholarly yet readable work builds a strong case for the crucial rôle of Bodega in the settlement of the Nootka Crisis, and will be a welcome addition to many a collection.



The second gift was made specifically to the Centre, and consisted of a number of volumes critical to the study of the Spanish and British presence in the Pacific Northwest in the 18th century, including a full set of the Lunwerg editions of the products of Malaspina's expedition, and the 3-volume Hakluyt edition of Cook's charts.

The AMRC would like to express its sincere gratitude to Freeman and his wife Rosita for this most generous and useful gift.

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