Lecture 05
External Threats to the Bakuhan System

0. Intro

- Unexpected visitors lead to crisis in foreign affairs
- Foreign affairs increasingly impact domestic politics by the mid-19th c.
- Rethinking the “Seclusion Edicts”

1. Threats from the North: The Russians are Coming!

   a. The Laxman Affair, 1792
   b. The Rezanov mission, 1804

2. Threats from the South: The British are Coming!

   a. The Phaeton Incident, 1808
   b. Expanding East India Co. in SE Asia during 1810s; whalers off Kantō