

Lecture 05

External Threats to the Bakuhhan 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 Kantô