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01-What practical problems does the Kangxi Emperor face, and what measures does he take to meet them? what sources of information does he seem to have for both the problem and the possibilities for their solutions

Established a well-deserved reputation as one of china's greatest rulers. The second Manchu emperor to rule over all of china was the longest reigning emperor in Chinese history through his son Qianlong's period of effective rule was longer under his directions qing china achieved a high level of economic prosperity and cultural productivity and expanded it greatest territorial extents expansionism brought the middle kingdom into greatest contact, and sometimes conflict with other expanding Heirarchies especially Russian while the Expanison of the global trade network also expanded its relations with Europeans merchants and their culture the foreign correspondence of kangxi excerpted here illustrates how the rulers directly managed the sorts of issues china foreign relations created

The emperor decreed to the grand secretaries and ministers of the nine boards that everything on this earth begins small but grows large we should not neglect the small thing, although we must naturally pay more attention to the larger ones, for instance, naval defense is most

important today because we have frequently made inquiries we well know its origin perhaps the viceroys governors provincial commanders and brigade generals of the viceroys governors provincial commanders and brigade generals of the various province do not know the details so clearly. When we made our southern progress through su-chou, we visited the shipyard and asked questions we learned that every year seafarers possibly over 1000, build ships to go abroad only five or six out of ten returned their ships to china the rest just sold their ships abroad and they brought back only silver when our government prices were several ten thousand liang of silvers that so many ships over 1000 that will cost them millions and millions without some secrecy?