

Behring Sea by the United States revenue cutter "Richard Rush," of three British Columbian vessels, the "Grace," the "Dolphin," and the "W. P. Sayward."

I have to request that you will make a representation to the United States Government on the subject of the seizure and detention of these vessels, in connection with the representations which I instructed you to make in the cases of the "Onward," the "Carolina" and the "Thornton," and that you will reserve all rights to compensation on behalf of the owners and crew.

You should point out to Mr. Bayard, that in the case of the "W. P. Sayward" according to the deposition of her mate, no seals had been taken by her crew in Behring Sea, as is alleged in the libel of information filed on behalf of the United States district attorney in the District Court of Alaska.

I am, &c.,  
SALISBURY.

The Hon. Sir L. S. WEST, K.C.M.G., &c., &c.,

*Sir H. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 29th September, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to acquaint you that I duly communicated to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, your telegraphic message of the 23rd instant, reporting that the vessels seized in Behring's Sea last year were still detained by the United States authorities.

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I have now to transmit to you for communication to your Ministers a copy of a despatch which Lord Salisbury has addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, dated 27th instant, directing him to enquire the reason why these vessels have not been released.

I have, &c.

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General the most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, &c., &c., &c.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*Lord Salisbury to Sir L. West.*

FOREIGN OFFICE, 27th September, 1887.

SIR,—I transmit to you, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office, dated 24th instant, enclosing a telegram from the Governor General of Canada, from which it appears that the British schooners "Carolina," "Onward" and "Thornton," referred to in your despatch No. 34 of the 4th February last have not yet been released.

In his note of the 3rd February, enclosed in your above-mentioned despatch, Mr. Bayard stated that "orders have been issued, by the President's direction, for the discontinuance of all pending proceedings, the discharge of the vessels referred to, and the release of all persons under arrest in connection therewith."

Her Majesty's Government regret to learn that delay has taken place in the release of the three vessels, and I have to instruct you to enquire the reason why the directions of the President, as above quoted, have not been carried out.

I am, &c.,

SALISBURY.

[Enclosure No. 2.]

*Colonial Office to Foreign Office.*

DOWNING STREET, 24th September, 1887.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 12th August last, and to recent correspondence, I am directed by Secretary, Sir Henry Holland, to transmit to you, for such action upon it as the Marquis of Salisbury may think proper to take a telegram received this day from the Governor General of Canada,

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