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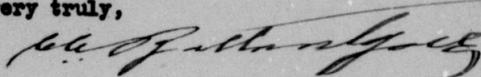
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held fast since two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and there seemed to be very little likelihood of any relief until such time as there was a change of wind. To add to the difficulties, the vessel lost one blade of one of the propellers.

I refer to these details to show that the matter of transporting supplies to the Magdalen Islands during the winter season is not as simple an operation as some of the telegrams that have been received at the Department would seem to indicate.

Warden Leslie was assured in a telegram from the Department on Saturday last that every possible effort that weather conditions would permit would be made to take care of the situation at the Magdalen Islands. These have been my instructions from the first, and I shall continue to urge that nothing be left undone to enable urgent and necessary supplies to be delivered to the people of the Magdalen Islands.

Yours very truly,



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