

two miles from the land, and the *Clara F. Friend* was quite a mile inside of us; and I captured her about three quarters of a mile from the land.

CANADA.

Vice-Admiral Wellesley, C.B.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) J. A. POLAND,  
Commander.

No. 2.

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*The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.*

SIR,

Admiralty, 2nd November, 1870.

I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you, for the information of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, the enclosed extracts from a Despatch, No. 14, of the 21st ultimo, from the Admiral commanding on the North American Station, in regard to the movements of Her Majesty's ships employed in the protection of Canadian Fisheries.

The Under-Secretary of State  
for the Colonies.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) THOS. WOLLEY.

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EXTRACT from a LETTER of VICE-ADMIRAL FANSHAWE, dated *Royal Alfred*, at  
Halifax, 21st October, 1870 (No. 14).

*Niobe*. Senior officer Newfoundland, in charge of the French Fisheries, was at St. John's on the 7th instant. Commander Pasley reports his intention of visiting Conception Bay to inquire into alleged destruction of property on the French shore by fishermen from Labrador.

*Britomart*, *Royalist*, *Lapwing*, *Plover*, *Cherub*, *Sphinx*, have cruised upon the Canadian coasts, for the protection of those fisheries from American intruders, on the respective stations assigned to them by my predecessor.

From their reports, I learn that the fishing for this season has, in a great measure, ceased, and that the foreign vessels have nearly all left the vicinity of the fishing grounds.

I have already recalled the cruiser *Royalist* from the East Coast of Cape Breton, and one of those (*Cherub*) stationed on the coast of Prince Edward Island.

The others will be ordered here as soon as I find that their services are no longer required at the fisheries.

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*The Colonial Office to the Admiralty.*

SIR,

Downing Street, 10th November 1870.

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, forwarding a copy of a letter which he had addressed to Vice-Admiral Wellesley, concerning an order of the Privy Council of the Dominion, expressing their appreciation of his services in aiding the Government of Canada in the protection of the fisheries. The services of Captain Hardinge, of the *Valorous*, are likewise specifically mentioned.

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The Secretary to the Admiralty.

I am, &c.,  
(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

No. 4.

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*The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.*

SIR,

Admiralty, 2nd December, 1870.

With reference to your letter of the 13th October last,\* containing the views of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as to the legality of the American schooner *Clara B. Chapman* having transhipped fish and shipped provisions in Charlotte Town Harbour, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit

\* *Vide* Pre-  
vious Paper,  
dated January,  
1871, page 142.