

Sub-Enclosure in No. 15.

6.30 P. M., 4 April 1852.

ABOUT the 20th April 1851, Mr. Simpson, then mate of the "Renovation," saw two full-rigged ships (about 6 A. M.), one larger than the other, on an iceberg about 10 or 12 feet high, about five miles long; the largest vessel was on her beam ends, head to the westward, the smaller one head south, and upright, with topmast an end, and no topgallant mast. The "Renovation" was then about 30 miles west of Cape Race, and the iceberg about five miles north-west.

The master was very sick at the time, and the mate could not take it upon himself to bear up for the iceberg. A Mr. Joseph Lynch also saw the vessels, besides all the mates. The "Renovation" at that time was under double-reefed fore and main topsails and fore course, blowing very strong; the morning was very clear; and the mate cannot recollect any further particulars, and cannot tell whether the log is on board the "Renovation," or whether the owners have it. The owner is Emanuel Young, a large shipowner in North Shields, Northumberland-square.

P. S.—Mr. Joseph Lynch, nephew to Mr. Crilley, at Limerick, a ship-chandler.

I send this from the "British Queen" to save time, not being able to get any more particulars.

I am, &c.
(signed) P. Chown,
Coast Guard, Tarbert.

No. 15 a.

Admiralty, 10 April 1852.

Sir,

I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you, that, understanding you are about to proceed to Ireland on an official tour of inspection, and being cognizant as you are with the circumstances, so far as they have been related to their Lordships, respecting the report of two ships having been seen on the ice in April last, off the south-east end of the island of Newfoundland, by the "Renovation" brig, my Lords would be glad if the service you are employed on would admit of your proceeding in the first instance to Limerick, where it is probable you will find Mr. Simpson, who was mate of the "Renovation," at present in command of the "British Queen," and that you would put such questions to Mr. Simpson, in order to elicit further facts relating to this story as your own judgment and acquaintance with such matters would suggest.

I am, &c.
(signed) W. A. B. Hamilton.

Captain E. Ommanney, R. N.,
Charing Cross.

No. 16.

Coast Guard Office, 10 April 1852.

Sir,

HEREWITH I have the honour to transmit, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, the accompanying letter and its enclosure from the inspecting commander of the coast guard, Kilrush district, this morning received.

I have, &c.
(signed) E. Ommanney,
Deputy Comptroller-General.

The Secretary of the Admiralty,
&c. &c. &c.

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Sir,

Kilbec, County Clare, 7 April 1852.

I BEG to forward a true copy of an extract written by a passenger on board the "Renovation," on her passage to Quebec last year, and which was published in the "Limerick Chronicle" of the 28th May 1851.

The editor having only one paper remaining, is unwilling to part with it.
Mr. Creilly hopes to have the original letter in a few days.

I am, &c.
(signed) John Jervis Palmer,
Inspecting Commander.

The Comptroller-General Coast Guard,
Custom-house, London.

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