

a communication from the Canadian Government on the subject of the demand made at the Custom-house at Philadelphia for the payment of duty on some tinned lobsters shipped on board the "Lizzie Dakers," and I have to instruct you to ascertain whether the United States' Government would be prepared to make any compensation to the shipper of the lobsters for the loss sustained by him in consequence of that demand.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) DERBY.

## No. 18.

*Mr. Lister to Mr. Herbert.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, October 12, 1875.*

WITH reference to your letters of the 2nd and 6th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a despatch addressed by Lord Derby to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington,\* instructing him to ascertain whether the United States' Government would be prepared to make any compensation to the shipper of some lobsters on board the "Lizzie Dakers," on which duty was claimed at Philadelphia.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) T. V. LISTER.

## No. 19.

*Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received December 5.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, November 22, 1875.*

IN compliance with the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 11th ultimo, I addressed a note to Mr. Fish, copy of which I have the honour to inclose, inquiring whether the Government of the United States would not consider it in accordance with justice that the owners of the lobster preserved in tins, which was shipped in the "Lizzie Dakers," and was refused admittance, without payment of duty, by the Custom-house at Philadelphia, should be compensated for their loss.

I now inclose copy of the answer which I have received from Mr. Fish, and which incloses copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, to the effect that it is out of the power of his Department to grant the relief solicited by the owners of the preserved lobster, and that this can only be afforded by a special Act of Congress.

I have forwarded a copy of Mr. Fish's note, and of its inclosure, to the Governor-General of Canada.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

## Inclosure 1 in No. 19.

*Sir E. Thornton to Mr. Fish.*

Sir,

*Washington, October 30, 1875.*

WITH reference to Mr. Cadwalader's note of the 19th of June last, on the subject of some canned lobster which was brought to Philadelphia by the British vessel "Lizzie Dakers" towards the end of 1874, and was refused admittance free of duty by the Collector of Customs of that port, I have the honour to inclose copy of a despatch which I have received from the Administrator of the Government of Canada, transmitting copies of documents showing that the lobster in question was not preserved in oil.

I transmitted a copy of this despatch to the Earl of Derby, and his Lordship has now instructed me to inquire of you whether the Government of the United States would not consider it fair, and in accordance with justice, that some com-