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My Lords have read with great satisfaction the account of the exertions and skill evinced by Captain Buddington and the crew who navigated the "Resolute" from Baffin's Bay to New London, and as the best mark of the sense which they entertain of his conduct, their Lordships will waive their right to the vessel, and leave her to Captain Buddington's entire disposal, or if he prefers giving her up to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, their Lordships request that the Consul may be instructed to sell her, and to distribute the proceeds of the sale to Captain Buddington and his crew.

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

No. 5.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, January 25, 1856.

I COMMUNICATED to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your despatch of the 31st ultimo, stating the circumstances under which Her Majesty's ship "Resolute" had been recovered from the Arctic Seas by Captain Buddington, master of the American whaler "George Henry," and brought into the port of New London, Connecticut; and I have to state to you that their Lordships have informed me that they have read, with great satisfaction, the account of the exertions and skill evinced by Captain Buddington and the crew who navigated the "Resolute" from Baffin's Bay to New London, and that as the best mark of the sense which they entertain of Captain Buddington's conduct, their Lordships will waive their right to the vessel, and leave her to Captain Buddington's entire disposal; or if he should prefer giving her up to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, their Lordships request that the Consul may be instructed to sell the vessel, and to distribute the proceeds of the sale to Captain Buddington and his crew.

I have to instruct you to make a communication accordingly to the United States' Government, in the above sense, and to take such further steps in the matter as you may find to be necessary on the receipt of Captain Buddington's answer to the offer of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 6.

Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received January 29.)

My Lord,

Washington, January 14, 1856.

IN my despatch of the 31st ultimo, I had the honour to inclose the copy of a despatch which I addressed to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, instructing him to take legal measures for asserting the continuing right of Her Majesty's Government in the barque "Resolute," which had been recovered from the ice, and brought to New London, by Captain Buddington, of the American whaler "George Henry," I have now the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of Mr. Grattan's reply, as well as copies of a correspondence which has passed between Her Majesty's Consul and Messrs. Perkins and Smith, the owners of the whaling-vessel "George Henry," and between those gentlemen and myself, on that subject.

In my reply to Messrs. Perkins and Smith, I have informed them, that full satisfaction of the just claims of the salvors of the "Resolute" will, as a matter of course, be made by the proper tribunals; but that I should also deem it my duty, in reporting the circumstances attending the recovery of the "Resolute," to express to your Lordship my sense of the energy and skill which were displayed by Captain Buddington, his officers and crew, in extricating the abandoned vessel from the ice, and in conveying her safely into port.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.