

This is a courtesy which is eminently worthy of us as a great nation. The whole proposition, whatever may be thought of the small amount of money that may be expended, is eminently calculated to maintain amicable relations with Great Britain. I am decidedly in favour of the measure, and I trust, as it is a measure which will reflect honour on the Government of the United States, that it will be recorded in our journals that this resolution has been passed by the unanimous vote of the Senate.

The joint resolution was passed unanimously.

No. 22.

Mr. Hammond to the Secretary to the Admiralty.

Sir, *Foreign Office, July 16, 1856.*
 WITH reference to my letter of the 27th ultimo, inclosing a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of Legation at Washington, relative to Her Majesty's ship "Resolute," which has been recovered from the Arctic Seas by the master of the American whaling-vessel "George Henry," I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a further despatch from Mr. Lumley,* reporting that a resolution had been passed in the United States' Congress, authorizing the purchase and restoration to the British Government of the above-mentioned vessel.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 23.

Mr. Lumley to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received September 15.)

My Lord, *Newport, September 2, 1856.*
 WITH reference to my despatches of the 11th and 30th of June, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that, on the 28th ultimo, the President signed the Bill, which had passed both Houses of Congress, authorizing the appropriation of a sum of 40,000 dollars for the purchase of the Arctic exploring-ship "Resolute," which, having been abandoned in the Polar Seas while engaged in search of Sir John Franklin, was brought to the United States by the crew of the whaler "George Henry," in whose favour Her Majesty's Government relinquished all right to the vessel.

It is intended that the "Resolute" shall be repaired without delay, and presented to Her Majesty's Government as a token of the deep interest felt by the United States in the service in which that ship was engaged at the time she was abandoned.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) J. SAVILE LUMLEY.

No. 24.

Mr. Hammond to the Secretary to the Admiralty.

Sir, *Foreign Office, September 19, 1856.*
 WITH reference to my letter of the 16th of July last, I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of Legation at Washington,† reporting that 40,000 dollars have been appropriated by the United States' Government for the purchase of the Arctic ship "Resolute," with a view to its being re-fitted, and presented to Her Majesty's Government.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) E. HAMMOND.