

WEST FLAMBOROUGH, June 9, 1840.

SIR :

After an attendance at Washington of six weeks in prosecution of my claim for indemnity for the value of the schooner Lord Nelson, seized in 1812, (thirteen days before the declaration of war,) by an American vessel of the United States, I regret to say that I failed in that object.

His Excellency the Governor General having done me the favor during the past winter, to address to his Excellency the British Ambassador at Washington, in regard to this claim, and his Excellency Sir Geo. Arthur having also favored me with an introduction to Mr. Fox, I found that talented gentleman deeply impressed with a sense of the injustice with which I had been treated, and every effort to obtain indemnification failing, he has been so kind as to transmit to her Majesty's Government in England, a statement of the case ; and as his Excellency the Governor General was pleased to take an interest in the matter, at the time above alluded to, I entertain the hope that he will further grant me his favor and assistance in obtaining that justice which has been so long and so cruelly withheld, by a strong representation to her Majesty's Government in England in my behalf, in aid of those made by Mr. Fox, when I cannot doubt of success. As by the documents accompanying this letter, I feel assured that his Excellency will perceive that no claim could be more just than mine is.

I would further beg leave to represent to his Excellency that from the great value of the British shipping now navigating the Canadian lakes, and their importance, as well to the security as prosperity of these Provinces, it is at this time a matter of the greatest consequence that no infraction of the rights of her Majesty's subjects should be permitted on the part of the only foreign Government which from its local situation can invade them, and humbly hope that the readiness of the mother country, so magnanimously evinced on all occasions to protect the maritime rights of her subjects, wherever resident, will not be withheld on the present occasion.

I have the honor to be, &amp;c. &amp;c.

J. CROOKS.

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Chief Secretary to his Excellency the Gov. General.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Montreal, 18th June, 1840.

SIR :

I am commanded by the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th inst., and to inform you that his Excellency has transmitted a copy of it and of the accompanying documents to the Secretary of State, with a request that her Majesty's Government will make such a representation to the Government of the United States, as may insure a favorable consideration of your claim to indemnity on account of the seizure of your vessel the "Lord Nelson."

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. W. C. MURDOCK, Chief Secretary

Hon'ble J. Crooks, West Flamboro', U. C.