

No. 36.

The Law Officers of the Crown to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 21.)

My Lord,

Doctor's Commons, August 19, 1854.

WE are honoured with your Lordship's commands signified in Lord Wodehouse's letter of the 27th ultimo, stating that he was directed to transmit to me a letter from the Colonial Office upon the subject of the instructions to be given to Lord Elgin, in the matter of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, relative to Fisheries and to Commerce and Navigation, which was signed at Washington on the 5th of June last, and to request that we would take the inclosed letter into our consideration, and report to your Lordship, at our earliest convenience, our opinion upon the points adverted to therein.

In obedience to your Lordship's commands, we have taken the letter into consideration, and have the honour to report—

That we concur in the view taken by Secretary Sir George Grey, and in the propriety of the despatch to Lord Elgin suggested by him.

We have, &c.
(Signed) J. D. HARDING.
A. E. COCKBURN.
RICHARD BETHELL.

No. 37.

Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received August 21.)

(No. 213.)

My Lord,

Washington, August 7, 1854.

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy of a despatch which I have received from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, informing me of the seizure of an American fishing vessel, by one of the provincial cruisers, for a violation of the Convention of 1818.

Under present circumstances I have thought that such an occurrence was much to be regretted, and I have accordingly addressed to Admiral Fanshawe a telegraphic message, in cypher, expressing a hope that the vessel may be released.

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

P.S.—I have this moment received a telegraphic despatch from Admiral Fanshawe, at Halifax, informing me that my suggestion with regard to the American fishing vessel "Ellen," seized for infraction of the Convention of 1818, had been anticipated.

J. F. C.

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Sir E. Head to Mr. Crampton.

Sir,

Government House, Fredericton, July 29, 1854.

I INCLOSE, for your information, copies of two documents of some importance.

1. A deposition made by Lieutenant H. H. Knocker, commanding the armed vessel "Alice Rogers," with reference to the seizure of the fishing schooner, "Ellen," of Salisbury, within three miles of the coasts of New Brunswick.

2. Copy of a letter which I have caused the Provincial Secretary to address to the Collector of the Port of Bathurst, in whose custody the seized vessel now is.

I send these papers to Washington without delay, in order that you may be prepared to offer any explanation which may be required, in consequence of complaints on the part of the owner of the "Ellen."

Your Excellency will observe that I do not consider the seizure as made under our Provincial Act, 16 Vict. cap. 69.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDMUND HEAD.