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seen to-day, states, that within the last two months his brother had mentioned to him, "that he had met ships drifting with an iceberg, on his voyage to Quebec last year," but did not enter into further details.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Henry C. Hawkins,*
Inspecting Commander of Coast Guard.

To the Secretary of the Admiralty, London.

No. 14.

(Confidential, 70.)

Sir,

Coast Guard Office, 6 April 1852.

REFERRING to your letter of the 29th ultimo, and mine of the 30th, relative to the brig "Renovation;"

Encl. in No. 14.

I beg leave to transmit herewith copy of a letter this day received from Commander Palmer, and to acquaint you that the further particulars shall be forwarded when received.

Captain Hamilton, R.N., &c. &c.
Admiralty.

I have, &c.
(signed) *A. Ellice.*

Enclosure in No. 14.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Kilbec, County Clare, 4 April 1852.

IMMEDIATELY on the receipt of your letter, marked confidential, of the 30th March 1852, finding the "British Queen" had not yet arrived in the Shannon, I proceeded to Limerick, and called on Mr. Crilly, to whom the "British Queen" is consigned. He informed me that his nephew went out in the "Renovation" in April last year as passenger to Quebec, and that he wrote to him from Quebec, word for word, the statement Captain Coward (not Howard) made to Captain Storey of the brig "Agnes," relative to his passing two ships on the ice out of the water off the banks of Newfoundland on his passage to Quebec. This letter Mr. Crilly has written to a friend, to whom he afterwards sent the letter, to return it him, and will then forward it to me. Directly the "British Queen" arrives, I will forward the papers with Captain Simpson's statement.

I am, &c.
(signed) *John Jervis Palmer,*
Inspecting Commander.

The Comptroller-General Coast Guard,
Custom-House, London.

No. 15.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Coast Guard Office, 7 April 1852.

Encl. in No. 15.

ADVERTING to my letter of yesterday's date, confidential, 70, I beg to enclose copy of a further report this day received from Commander Palmer, also a copy of the "statement of Mr. Simpson" therein alluded to. Any further information that may be sent here on the subject shall be duly forwarded to you without delay.

Captain Hamilton, &c. &c.,
Admiralty.

I am, &c.
(signed) *A. Ellice.*

Enclosure in No. 15.

Kilbec, 5 April 1852.

*Sub-Enclosure in
No. 15.*

THE "British Queen" having just entered the Shannon, I beg to send you the statement of Mr. Simpson, master of her, formerly mate of the "Renovation," made to Mr. Chown, chief officer at Tarbert, and I hope to forward the letter (written by Mr. Lynch, a nephew of Mr. Creilly, of Limerick, who was a passenger on board) in a day or two.

I would most respectfully beg to suggest it would be desirable to procure the log of the "Renovation," which I have no doubt the owner, Mr. Emanuel Young, of North Shields, is in possession of.

John Jervis Palmer,
Inspecting Commander.