

Excellency and your Ministry
feel very much Concerned
at the idea of the Petrel
leaving this Province, until
relieved by a Ship of similar
class, I shall have no hesitation
in according to your request;
to detain *Am. S. Petrel*, until
you have received an answer
to your application, from the
proper authorities to detain
her altogether.

I have &c

P. M. L. Hay.

Captain & Senior Officer