

and "Thornton," should have delayed their prompt execution and stating that renewed orders have been forwarded.

I have communicated copy of this note to the Marquis of Lansdowne, the substance of which I telegraphed to Your Lordship this day.

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

[Enclosure No. 9.]

*Mr. Bayard to Sir L. West.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, 13th October, 1887.

SIR,—Continuing my reply to your note of the 29th ultimo, enquiring the reason for the delay in complying with the order issued in January last, for the release of British vessels seized last year in Behring Sea, I beg leave to inform you that I have this day received a communication from my colleague the Attorney General, Enclosure No. 7 informing me that his telegram to the United States marshal at Sitka, of No. 22. of the 26th January last, ordering the release of the British schooners "Onward," "Carolina" and "Thornton," owing to some misconception and mistake on the part of the official to whom it had been addressed had not been acted upon.

A renewed order has gone forward for their release, as had been distinctly directed last January, and which I had no reason to doubt had been promptly obeyed.

In my note to you of the 11th instant, I stated it to be my impression that no Enclosure No. 2 of hindrance to their repossession by the owners of the vessels named No. 34. existed.

This impression, it now appears, was not well founded, and as my object is to give you the fullest information within my power in relation to all transactions touched in our correspondence, I hasten to communicate the latest report made to me from the Department of Justice.

I take leave also to express my regret that any misconception of the intentions and orders of the President should have delayed their prompt execution.

I have, &c.,

T. F. BAYARD.

[Enclosure No. 10.]

*Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.*

WASHINGTON, 20th October, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose to Your Lordship herewith copy of a note, which upon the receipt of Your Lordship's telegram of the 19th, I addressed to the Secretary of State protesting against the seizure of the Canadian vessel "Alfred Adams," in Behring Sea, and against the continuation of similar proceedings by the United States authorities on the high seas.

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

[Enclosure No. 11.]

*Sir L. West to Mr. Bayard.*

WASHINGTON, 19th October, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that I am instructed by the Marquis of Salisbury, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to protest against the seizure of the Canadian vessel "Alfred Adams," in Behring Sea, and against the continuation of similar proceedings by the United States authorities on the high seas.

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.