

No. 15.

*Mr. Meade to Lord Tenterden.—(Received October 4.)*Sir, *Downing Street, October 2, 1875.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant, inclosing a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, forwarding a copy of a further communication addressed to him by the Canadian Government, on the subject of the demand made at the Custom-house at Philadelphia, for the payment of duty on some lobsters shipped on board the "Lizzie Dakers," and requesting to be informed whether Lord Carnarvon would wish that Sir E. Thornton should be instructed to apply to the United States' Government for compensation of the owners of the lobsters.

Lord Carnarvon desires me in reply to request that you will inform the Earl of Derby that his Lordship thinks that Sir E. Thornton may be instructed to ascertain whether the United States' Government would be prepared to make any compensation to the shipper of these lobsters.

I am, &c.
(Signed) R. H. MEADE.

No. 16.

*Mr. Malcolm to Lord Tenterden.—(Received October 7.)*Sir, *Downing Street, October 6, 1875.*

WITH reference to your letter of the 22nd September, and to the reply from this Department of the 2nd instant, relating to the refusal of the United States Customs' authorities at Philadelphia to admit free of duty certain lobsters shipped on board the "Lizzie Dakers" by Mr. Bourne, of St. John, New Brunswick, I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Derby, a copy of a despatch addressed to the officer administering the Government of Canada by Sir E. Thornton on this subject.

Lord Carnarvon desires me to state that he would be glad to receive a copy of any instruction given to Sir E. Thornton in consequence of the letter from this Department above referred to, in order that the Governor-General of Canada may be apprized of the course proposed to be taken in the matter.

I am, &c.
(Signed) W. R. MALCOLM.

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*Sir E. Thornton to Lieutenant-General Sir W. O'G. Haly, K.C.B.*Sir, *Washington, September 6, 1875.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's despatch of the 30th ultimo, transmitting a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada relative to the preserved lobster which was carried to Philadelphia in the "Lizzie Dakers," and was there refused admittance except on the payment of duty.

I do not, however, feel justified in presenting to the United States' Government a claim for indemnity on this account without being instructed to do so by the Earl of Derby, to whom I have, consequently, referred the matter.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDWD THORNTON.

No. 17.

*The Earl of Derby to Sir E. Thornton.*Sir, *Foreign Office, October 11, 1875.*

I HAVE had under my consideration, in communication with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, your despatch of the 6th ultimo, forwarding