

not have effected the task any sooner than it was performed by the natural causes which eventually freed her, and hence, he thinks, that Sir Edward Belcher, who had command of the squadron, acted perfectly right in abandoning the vessels, under the circumstances.

Among the articles found on board of the "Resolute" was rigging and anchors valued at 2,000 dollars, whaling gear, full suits of winter clothing, and other things necessary for a voyage to the Polar Seas. As these are goods subject to duty, a Custom-house officer has been stationed on board of the ship to look after the interests of Uncle Sam, until the destination of the "Resolute" is finally determined upon.

The prize is valued at 50,000 dollars, although Captain B. informs us she was never fitted out for less than 100,000 dollars. The proceeds of the cruise will have to be divided among the owners and crew of the "George Henry," for in whaling voyages the entire proceeds, no matter what turns up, are to be shared amongst the parties interested, namely, the captain, crew, and the owners.

The "George Henry," it will be remembered, arrived a few days previous to the "Resolute," having on board about 150 barrels of oil.

Whether the British Government will pay the finders of the "Resolute" the value of the vessel or not, remains to be seen. At all events, Captain Buddington deserves a substantial token of esteem at their hands for the intrepid and praiseworthy part he took in thus rescuing one of their service-vessels from a long captivity in the Polar regions.

No. 2.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, January 17, 1856.

I HAVE to inform you that I approve of the instructions which you addressed to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, and of which you inclose a copy in your despatch of the 31st ultimo, directing him to take the necessary legal steps for securing the continuing right of Her Majesty's Government to Her Majesty's ship "Resolute," which is stated to have been recovered from the Arctic Seas by the captain of an American whaler, and to have been brought into the port of New London, Connecticut.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 3.

Mr. Hammond to the Secretary to the Admiralty.

Sir,

Foreign Office, January 17, 1856.

I AM directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, a copy of a despatch, and its inclosures, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington,* containing a statement of the circumstances under which Her Majesty's ship "Resolute" has been recovered from the Arctic Seas, and the steps taken by him for securing the continuing right of Her Majesty's Government to that vessel.

I am, &c.
(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 4.

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Mr. Hammond.

Sir,

Admiralty, January 24, 1856.

I HAVE received and laid before my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty your letter of the 17th instant, transmitting a copy of a despatch, and its inclosures, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, containing a statement of the circum-