

so that, giving them the benefit of all doubts, the boats were inside of 2 miles from the nearest land.

I am, &c.
(Signed) WM. McLAREN,
Master Government Cruiser "Critic."

We the Undersigned certify that the above statement, which has been read to us, is true in every particular.

(Signed) JOHN GRAHAM, 1st Officer.
GEORGE CRAWFORD, Boatswain.
NEIL KENNEDY, A.B.

Inclosure 3 in No. 119.

Captain Knowlton to Mr. J. Tilton.

Sir, *Halifax, July 28, 1887.*
WE arrived here to-day on our way to North Bay. Our port is Escuminac, New Brunswick. Cruizing ground North Point, Prince Edward Island, and Miramichi Bay. Will sail 29th.

I wired you that I detained the American fishing-schooner "Annie W. Hodgson." I sent seizure form. Did not write particulars, which I should have done. I will now give particulars.

The schooner entered Shelburne Harbour 24th during fog, and I always took my boat and cruized down the harbour during foggy weather. I left the cruiser about 8:30 A.M., after which the fog cleared. I sighted the vessel about 1½ or 2 miles from Roseway Light inside.

When the schooner saw my boat approaching, got under way, but, wind being light, I soon overtook him, brought him back to Shelburne, handed him over to Collector of Customs. I had been informed, when the schooner was in the week before, that she wanted bait. I only detained her for not reporting.

I feel I had good reason to detain her, and will always do my duty as far as possible.

Your, &c.
(Signed) C. T. KNOWLTON,
Cruiser "Advance."

No. 120.

The Marquis of Salisbury to Sir L. West.

(No. 58. Treaty.)

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 26, 1887.*
WITH reference to my despatch No. 55, Treaty, of the 29th ultimo, I have to acquaint you that the United States' Minister at this Court called upon me to-day and stated that his Government agreed to the appointment of a Mixed Commission, to consist of three English and three American Commissioners, to meet at Washington some time in October next to consider the North American Fisheries question.

I am, &c.
(Signed) SALISBURY.

No. 121.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Sir, *Foreign Office, August 27, 1887.*
I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the proposal for a separate arrangement between the United States and Newfoundland upon the Fisheries question, and I am to express to you his Lordship's concurrence in the reply which Sir Henry Holland proposes to make to the despatch which he has received from the Administrator on this subject.