

of American fishermen by Newfoundland fishermen in Smith's Sound, of Trinity Bay, on the 16th instant, and I am to inform you that his Excellency will cause a strict investigation to be made into the circumstances attending the alleged occurrence.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

HORATIO H. MORGAN,

*Private Secretary and Aide-de-Camp.*

Inclosure 6 in No. 8.

*Governor Sir J. Glover to Captain Kennedy.*

Sir,

*Government House, Newfoundland, August 25, 1879.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose copy of a letter from the United States' Consul, together with copies of depositions made by Daniel McFaden, master of the American vessel "Howard Holbrook," and Martin Ryan, a British subject, employed as pilot of the "Howard Holbrook," relating to obstruction offered by British fishermen to the taking of bait by the Americans, on the 16th August, at Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay,

I would suggest, for your consideration, that one of Her Majesty's ships under your command be detailed to proceed to Smith's Sound, in Trinity Bay, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the statements put forth in the depositions made before the United States' Consul, and I consider it advisable, in Imperial interests, that a gentleman of legal acquirements and local knowledge should conduct the inquiry. If in accordance with your views, I propose that Mr. Prowse, Q.C., Judge of the District Court of St. John's, be the officer to proceed on the duty before named, who will be instructed to caution Newfoundland fishermen against taking the law into their own hands.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN H. GLOVER.

Inclosure 7 in No. 8.

*Captain Kennedy, R.N. to Governor Sir J. Glover.*

Sir,

*"Druid," at St. John's, August 26, 1879.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's letter, inclosing a copy of a letter from the United States' Consul, together with correspondence relating to a disturbance between some English and American fishermen, at Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, on the 16th of this month..

In compliance with your Excellency's wishes, I have detailed Her Majesty's gun-vessel "Zephyr" to convey Mr. Prowse, Q.C., to that part, to ascertain the truth of the charges advanced by the Americans, and I have to add that the "Zephyr" sailed this morning in pursuance of those orders.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

W. R. KENNEDY.

Inclosure 8 in No. 8.

*Mr. Prowse to the Colonial Secretary.*

Sir,

*St. John's, Newfoundland, August 27, 1879.*

HAVING proceeded to Smith's Sound, in Trinity Bay, in Her Majesty's ship "Zephyr," by order of the Government, to investigate the facts connected with an alleged obstruction by Newfoundland fishermen to the taking of bait fishes by the crew of an American schooner called the "Howard Holbrook," I have the honour to report, for the information of his Excellency the Governor, that, having made a careful examination of the facts at Smith's Sound, where we arrived last evening, and having taken a number of depositions there, which are appended to this Report, I am enabled to state that the facts of the case are as follow:—

The American schooner "Howard Holbrook" arrived at Aspey Cove, Smith's Sound. On Thursday, the 14th August, the master came in a dory, with the witness Martin Ryan, to that cove to seine for squid; the man referred to in the depositions,