

[Enclosure No. 5.]

*Sir L. West to Mr. Bayard.*

WASHINGTON, 12th October, 1887.

SIR,—In connection with the representation which I was instructed to make to you respecting the seizure of the British schooners "Onward," "Carolina," and "Thornton," by the United States cruiser "Corwin," in Behring Sea, I have the honor to inform you that I am now further instructed to make similar representations in the cases of the British Columbian vessels "Grace," "Dolphin," and "W. P. Sayward," seized lately by the United States revenue cutter "Richard Rush," and at the same time as in the case of the "Onward," "Carolina" and "Thornton," to receive all rights to compensation on behalf of the owners and crews.

I am also instructed to point out to you that according to the deposition of the mate of the "W. P. Sayward," copy of which is enclosed, no seals had been taken by her crew in Behring Sea as is alleged in the libel of information filed on behalf of the United States district attorney in the District Court of Alaska.

I am, &amp;c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

[Enclosure No. 6.]

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

WASHINGTON, 14th October, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to enclose to Your Lordship herewith, copy of the reply which I have received to my note of the 12th instant, copy of which was enclosed in my despatch of No. 278, of the 12th instant, respecting the seizure of the "Grace," "Dolphin," and "W. P. Sayward."

I have, &amp;c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

[Enclosure No. 7.]

*Mr. Bayard to Sir L. West.*

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

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge your note of yesterday in relation to the cases of the seizure of the British schooners "Onward," "Carolina," and "Thornton," in Behring Sea, by United States revenue vessels in August, 1886, and also your instructions to include by similar representations the cases of the British Columbian vessels "Grace," "Dolphin," and "W. P. Sayward," seized by the United States revenue authorities in Behring Sea, with notification that Her Britannic Majesty's Government reserve all right to compensation on behalf of the owners and crews of the above mentioned vessels.

The affidavit of the mate of the "W. P. Sayward" has been read, and the facts therein stated will be at once investigated.

I have, &amp;c.,

THOMAS F. BAYARD.

[Enclosure No. 8.]

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

WASHINGTON, 14th October, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to the note from the Secretary of State, copy of which was enclosed in my despatch, No. 276, of the 12th instant, I have the honor to enclose to Your Lordship herewith, copy of a further reply to my note of the 29th ultimo, expressing regret that misconception of the intentions and orders of the President for the release of the sealers "Onward," "Carolina"