

CORRESPONDENCE

BETWEEN

The Colonial Office and the Admiralty.

No. 1.

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The Colonial Office to the Admiralty.

SIR,

Downing Street, 17th December, 1870.

With reference to your letter of the 2nd ultimo,* forwarding a copy of a despatch from the Vice-Admiral commanding on the North American Station reporting the seizure of the United States fishing schooners *Foam* and the *Clara F. Friend*, I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of two despatches from the Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island reporting the circumstances under which the latter of these vessels was, whilst in the custody of the Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty Court, seized by some of her former crew and taken out of port, and subsequently recaptured by H.M.S. *Plover* off the coast of Nova Scotia.

* Page 15,
in Canadian
portion.

No. 16, 25th
November,
1870, page 54.

No. 17, 28th
November,
1870, page 56.

Copies of these papers have been communicated to the Foreign Office.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

No. 2.

No. 2¹*The Admiralty to the Colonial Office.*

SIR,

Admiralty, 28th December, 1870.

With reference to former correspondence relative to the capture of the United States schooner *Clara F. Friend*, by H.M.S. *Plover*, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to request that you will acquaint the Earl of Kimberley that their Lordships have received information that the vessel was condemned, on 12th instant, in the Vice-Admiralty Court at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, and ordered to be sold on the 19th instant.

A similar communication has been made to the Foreign Office.

I am, &c.,

(Signed) THOS. WOLLEY.

Sir F. Rogers, Bart.,
Colonial Office.