

The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 7th June, 1875.

SIR,—I am directed by the Earl of Derby to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, forwarding a further communication from the Canadian Government as to the duty recently imposed in the United States upon tin cans containing duty free fish, and I am to state to you, for the information of the Earl of Carnarvon, that copies of these papers have been sent to Sir Edward Thornton, and that he has been instructed to take such steps as he may think advisable for obtaining the removal of the duty in question.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,)

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

No. 19.

Sir W. O'G. Haly to Sir E. Thornton.

HALIFAX, N.S., August 30, 1875.

SIR,—With reference to your despatch of the 21st June, and to previous correspondence on the subject of the refusal of the Collector of Customs at Philadelphia to admit cases of preserved lobster shipped from Canada, unless upon the payment of duty, I have the honour, at the instance of my Government, of enclosing a copy of an approved Minute of Council, covering copy of a letter, an affidavit in support of the claim of the shipper for indemnity for loss sustained by him in consequence of the action of the Collector of Customs.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

WM. O'G. HALY.

The Right Honourable
Sir E. THORNTON, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 43.

Sir E. Thornton to Sir W. O'G. Haly

WASHINGTON, September 6, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's despatch (No. 19) of the 30th ultimo, transmitting copy of a report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada relative to the preserved lobster which was carried to Philadelphia in the "Lizzie Dakers" and was there refused admittance except on the payment of duty. I do not, however, feel justified in presenting to the United States Government a claim for indemnity on this account without being instructed to do so by the Earl of Derby, to whom I have consequently referred the matter.

(Signed,)

EDWARD THORNTON.

His Excellency Lieut.-General
Sir W. O'G. HALY, K.C.B.,
&c., &c., &c.