

Behring Sea, nothing was said in relation to other cases. Whether the circumstances attendant upon the cases which you now report to me are the same as those which induced the executive to direct the release referred to, remains hereafter to be ascertained, and this with as little delay as the circumstances will permit.

I have, &c.,

T. F. BAYARD.

Sir L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

No. 308.

*Sir H. T. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 1st September, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship, for communication to your Ministers, with reference to previous correspondence, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty, with one from the Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific, respecting the capture of the sealing schooner "Anna Beck" by an American revenue vessel in Behring Sea.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General the most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., &c.

"TRIUMPH" AT ESQUIMALT, 5th August, 1887.

(EXTRACT).—I did not visit Sitka, thinking it as well whilst the Behring Sea sealing question is unsettled that I should not do so.

Since my return I hear that the "Anna Beck," a sealing schooner, has been seized by an American revenue vessel in Behring Sea, it is reported 60 miles north-east from St. George Island, but no reliable information as to the spot has yet reached me; as soon as it does I will forward particulars.

I have, &c.,

M. G. SEYMOUR, *Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief.*

The Secretary to the Admiralty.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*Admiralty to Colonial Office.*

ADMIRALTY, 24th August, 1887.

(EXTRACT).—I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit the accompanying extracts from a letter, dated 5th August, No. 127, from the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, reporting the state of affairs at Metlakatla, and the seizure of a sealing schooner named the "Anna Beck" by an American revenue vessel in the Behring Sea.

I am, &c.,

R. D. AWDRY.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

*Sir Henry Holland to Lord Lansdowne.*

DOWNING STREET, 14th September, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to previous correspondence, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of your Ministers, that the Marquis of Salisbury caused to be referred to the law officers the correspondence which has passed respecting the seizure of the three British sealing vessels, the "Thornton," the "Carolina" and the "Onward" by the United States revenue cruiser "Corwin," in Behring Sea, and that they advised that a claim for compensation might properly be made against the United States Government.