

Admiralty with regard to the disposal of the "Resolute," and of the course which it will be proper for you to take in the matter.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON

No. 8.

Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received March 3.)

My Lord,

Washington, February 12, 1856.

I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith a copy of a note which, in obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 25th ultimo, I have addressed to the Secretary of State of the United States, informing him of the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to waive their right to Her Majesty's ship "Resolute," which was recovered by the skill and exertions of Captain Buddington, of the American whaler "George Henry."

I have also the honour to inclose the copy of a letter which I have addressed to Messrs. Perkins and Smith, the owners of the "George Henry," making them acquainted with that decision, and of an instruction which I have addressed to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston on the subject.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 8.

Mr. Crampton to Mr. Marcy.

Sir,

Washington, February 12, 1856.

WITH reference to my note of the 30th of December, 1854, by which I had the honour of informing you that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen, asserted a continuing right to Her Majesty's ships "Assistance," "Resolute," "Investigator," "Pioneer," and "Intrepid," which were left in the Arctic Seas by their crews; I am now instructed by Her Majesty's Government to state that the "Resolute," having been recovered from the Arctic Seas, and navigated from Baffin's Bay to New London, Connecticut, by the skill and exertions of Captain Buddington and the crew of the American whaler "George Henry," the Lords of the Admiralty, as the best mark of the sense they entertain of Captain Buddington's conduct, will waive their right to the vessel, and leave her to Captain Buddington's entire disposal; or if he should prefer giving her up to Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, the Consul will be instructed to sell the vessel, and to distribute the proceeds of the sale to Captain Buddington and his crew.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

Inclosure 2 in No. 8.

Mr. Crampton to Messrs. Perkins & Smith.

Gentlemen,

Washington, February 12, 1856.

WITH reference to my letter of 15th January last, regarding the ship "Resolute," I have now to inform you that I have received a reply to the statement which I made to Her Majesty's Government of the circumstances attending the recovery of that vessel by Captain Buddington, of the whaler "George Henry."

The Earl of Clarendon states to me that the Lords of the Admiralty have read with great satisfaction the account of the exertions and skill evinced by Captain Buddington and the crew who navigated the "Resolute" from Baffin's Bay to New London, and, as the best mark of the sense they entertain of Captain Buddington's conduct, their Lordships will waive their right to the vessel, and leave her at Captain Buddington's disposal; or if he should prefer giving her up to Her