

Inclosure in No. 8.

Substance of Article in the "Cronstadt Gazette" of June 9 (21), 1893.

ACCORDING to the "Cronstadt Gazette" of the 9th (21st) June, 1893, the Captain of the "Nayezdnik" cruiser, recently dispatched to the north of Russia for the protection of the Russian sea fisheries along the Murman coast and White Sea, has received the following instructions for his guidance:—

He is to stop foreign vessels found in Russian territorial waters, to warn them against pursuing their calling in such waters, and to obtain from their Commanders a written undertaking to the effect that they will not capture fish or other marine animals in Russian waters.

He may search all vessels, excepting men-of-war, of a suspicious character, in order to convince himself that a vessel has not poached in Russian waters. Should it prove that such poaching has taken place, or that the vessel has been overtaken in the act, the cruiser is to arrest such vessel, and to send her in proper charge to the police officer at Kola for legal prosecution before the Murman Magisterial Tribunal.

Suspicious vessels may be stopped in territorial waters, and only in two cases beyond the limits of the same, viz.:—

1. When the pursuit shall have commenced within the territorial limit, and the vessel, paying no attention to signals or shots, shall have escaped beyond such limit.

2. When a foreign fishing-vessel, keeping beyond the territorial waters, shall send boats out to capture fish, &c., in them.

In both cases the captain of the cruiser shall proceed as if he were in territorial waters, and, in case of necessity, pursue the poaching vessel to the outside limits of the territorial waters of another country.

Detailed instructions are given as to the preliminary arrest and release of a vessel temporarily detained; how the crews of arrested vessels are to be distributed, victualled, &c.

The Commanding Officer of the cruiser is bound to keep a journal, in which each case of stoppage of a vessel for inquiry, search, or arrest is to be entered.

No. 9.

Mr. Howard to the Earl of Rosebery.—(Received July 10.)

My Lord,

St. Petersburg, July 5, 1893.

I HAVE the honour to report that on the receipt of your Lordship's telegram of yesterday's date I went to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in the hope of seeing Count Kupnist, and asking him to furnish me with a copy of the chart used by the Imperial Special Commission in the preparation of their Report on the cases of the British sealers seized last year by the Russian cruisers, as all the questions relating to these cases have been dealt with by his Excellency's Department; but I found that he had gone to Germany, so I spoke to M. Chichkine on the subject of my request, who begged me to address him a note which he could submit to the Minister of Marine, as the latter, he said, had complete control of all matters relating to charts.

I have the honour to inclose a copy of the note which, in compliance with M. Chichkine's request, I have this day addressed to his Excellency.

I have, &c.

(Signed) HENRY HOWARD.

Inclosure in No. 9.

Mr. Howard to M. Chichkine.

M. le Conseiller Privé,

St. Petersburg, June 23 (July 5), 1893.

WITH reference to our conversation of this afternoon, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that it appears that the distances as to the positions where British sealing-vessels were seized, as mentioned in the Report of the Imperial Special Commission inclosed in your Excellency's note to me of the 20th May (10th June) last, differ greatly from those given in my charts possessed by Her Majesty's Government.