

for themselves. All the Newfoundland bankers buy their bait, and so do all the other banking schooners.

(Signed) GEORGE TUCKER, his × mark.

Sworn before me at St. John's, this 17th day of September, A.D. 1879, having first been read over and explained.

(Signed) D. W. PROWSE, *Stipendiary Magistrate,
Judge, Central District Court.*

Inclosure 10 in No. 14.

Statement of William Tulk.

THE examination on oath of William Tulk, Preventive Officer of Her Majesty's Customs at Portugal Cove, Newfoundland, who saith:—On the 8th July, 1877, saw an American schooner going into Broad Cove, and I went down there to collect light dues from her. I went aboard of Cozzens' schooner "Mist," and he paid me his light dues. Cozzens did not say one word to me concerning any dispute with the Broad Cove fishermen about bait. I never advised him to buy bait from the Broad Cove fishermen, nor do I remember having any conversation with Cozzens about squids. The whole dispute, as I understand it, arose from a man named Daniel Tucker, of Broad Cove, who piloted Cozzens into Broad Cove, advising him to buy his squids only from him, Daniel Tucker, and his friends who were aboard the schooner with Cozzens jigging. This created a jealousy on the part of the other people in the cove, from whom Cozzens refused to buy any squid. I believe Cozzens jigged a great deal of his squids, about 10,000; the other 20,000 he bought. I have never known any banking schooner's crew to jig so large a quantity as 10,000 before, 2,000 or 3,000 is generally the quantity, often less. I have never known more than 10,000 squids to be jigged by the crew of a banking schooner. Bankers almost invariably buy their bait; it is a much more convenient way of getting it. If a crew had to jig their bait it would, except under very favourable circumstances, take from ten to fifteen days to get their necessary quantity of bait. The wind that day was south-south-west, and off the land.

Cozzens came into Broad Cove again in the summer of 1877. He made no complaint to me about the way that the Broad Cove people had treated him. Next year (1878) paid me his light dues again, when he visited Broad Cove; made no complaint. This spring he came again, put into Portugal Cove. I asked if he had paid his light dues; he said yes, produced receipt purporting to be signed by Vavasour, Preventive Officer, St. Lawrence, Newfoundland. I said the receipt was not correct, and Cozzens admitted to me afterwards it was a forgery, and he paid me his light dues. I do not believe any of Cozzens' statement to be correct.

(Signed) WILLIAM TULK.

Sworn before me at St. John's, this 17th day of September, A.D. 1879.

(Signed) D. W. PROWSE,
Stipendiary Magistrate and District Judge.

No. 15.

Mr. Lister to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, November 5, 1879.

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th ultimo, relative to the alleged forcible interference with United States' fishermen in Conception Bay; and I am to state that his Lordship observes with satisfaction that the evidence adduced in the course of the judicial inquiry into the case, a copy of which is inclosed in your letter, appears to furnish a sufficient answer to the claim; and I am to add that the reply to the United States' Representative at this Court, which is in course of preparation, will be submitted to Sir M. Hicks Beach prior to its being dispatched to its destination.

With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter, I am to remark that the present case raises none of the questions which have to be discussed in the matter of