

differ from those covered by said decision, stating whether you refused free entry of said merchandize as alleged, and, if so, what ground you had for such action.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) J. F. HARTLEY,
Assistant Secretary

Collector of Customs,
Philadelphia.

Mr. Comly to Honourable G. H. Bristow.

CUSTOM HOUSE,
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 8th, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant (W.F.C.) containing copy of an extract of a letter of the British Minister, addressed to the Department of State, under date of the 15th ultimo, in which it is alleged that you (I) refused free entry of a certain importation of fifty cases of preserved lobsters, per schooner "Lizzie Dakers," from St. John, New Brunswick; and in reply, respectfully beg leave to say that, after investigation, I cannot find that free entry was refused for the fifty cases of lobster, except from the *supposed* fact that the lobsters being *preserved in oil*. Revised Statutes, Section 2506: "all fish oil and fish of all kinds, (except fish of the inland lakes and rivers falling into them, and except fish preserved in oil) being produce of the fisheries of the Dominion of Canada or of Prince Edward Island shall be admitted into the United States free of duty."

I have no doubt that the lobsters were not entitled to free entry, under the above section, as it appears they were warehoused and withdrawn for immediate exportation.

I am, &c.,

(Signed,) S. J. COMLY,
Collector.

Honourable G. H. BRISTOW,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Canada, No. 144.

The Earl of Carnarvon to Sir W. O'G. Haly.

DOWNING STREET, 21st June, 1875.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Earl of Dufferin's despatch, No. 124, of the 1st of May, enclosing a minute of the Dominion Privy Council, requesting that the attention of the United States Government might be called to the exaction by the United States Customs authorities of the duty lately imposed upon tin cans containing fish, the produce of the Canadian fisheries, and that it might be moved to adopt measures for the removal of the duty complained of, as being contrary to the 21st article of the Treaty of Washington.

I have been in communication with the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the subject, and have now to enclose for your information a copy of a letter received from him with reference thereto.

have, &c.,

(Signed,) CARNARVON.

The Right Honourable
Sir W. O'G. HALY.