

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Lord Tenterden.—(Received September 17.)

Sir, *Admiralty, September 16, 1879.*
I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit, for the information of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a letter, dated the 27th ultimo, from the commanding officer of Her Majesty's ship "Druid" at St. John's, Newfoundland, relative to the fisheries, and reporting that the "Zephyr" was about to proceed to make inquiry as to a disturbance between some American and English fishermen at Trinity Bay, and will proceed about the middle of September to Port au Basque to convey his Excellency Sir John Glover to St. George's Bay.

A similar letter has been sent to the Colonial Office.

I am, &c.
(Signed) **ROBERT HALL.**

Inclosure 1 in No. 6.

Captain Kennedy to Vice-Admiral Sir E. Inglefield.

Sir, *"Druid," at St. John's, Newfoundland, August 27, 1879.*
IN continuation of my letter dated 13th August, I have the honour to report that the "Druid" and "Zephyr" are in port, and the "Plover" is daily expected from the west coast.

The steam-yacht "Northumbria," belonging to the Earl of Lonsdale, arrived here on the 17th instant; the French-man-of-war steamer "Adonis" on the 18th instant; and the United States' screw-ship "Kearsage" on the 21st.

On the arrival of the next mail from Halifax, about the 5th September, I shall proceed on my second cruise to Labrador, touching at several ports on the north-east side of the island where the French have rights of fishing. After visiting the Labrador coast, I shall proceed down the west coast to the Bay of Islands, where I expect to meet his Excellency the Governor, who is desirous of visiting some recently-discovered coal-fields in the interior, after which I shall return here with his Excellency.

The "Zephyr" will proceed to Port au Basque about the middle of September to meet his Excellency, who goes there by steamer, and will convey him to St. George's Bay, from whence she will join me at Bay of Islands.

The squadron continues to be remarkably healthy.

I inclose copy of "Zephyr's" sailing orders for Port au Basque.

Having, on the 25th August, received official notice from his Excellency the Governor of a disturbance between some American and English fishermen at Trinity Bay, at the request of his Excellency, I have ordered the "Zephyr" to proceed there with Judge Prowse to inquire into the matter. The particulars will be forwarded on the return of the "Zephyr" to this port. Sailing orders attached.

The "Zephyr" will carry out her other orders on her return.

I have, &c.
(Signed) **W. R. KENNEDY.**

Inclosure 2 in No. 6.

Sailing Orders.

(Memo.) *"Druid," at St. John's, August 25, 1879.*
IN consequence of a disturbance having taken place at Smith's Sound, Trinity Bay, between some English and American fishermen, you are, after embarking Mr. Prowse, J.P., to proceed to that place with all dispatch to inquire into the same.

You are to place the "Zephyr" at the disposal of Mr. Prowse, and return with him to this port at the conclusion of the inquiry.

(Signed) **W. R. KENNEDY, Captain and Senior Officer.**

To Lieutenant and Commander Clutterbuck,
Her Majesty's gun-boat "Zephyr."