

Inclosure 5 in No. 6.

*Consul Grattan to Mr. Crampton.*

Sir,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith copies of two letters which I have just received from New London, in reply to my communication of the 28th ultimo, relative to Her Majesty's ship "Resolute," referred to in my despatch of the 29th ultimo; the one from Messrs. Perkins and Smith, owners of the barque "George Henry," of that port, and the other from Mr. Hobart, Collector of Customs at New London.

Boston, January 3, 1856.

I have, &c.

(Signed) E. A. GRATTAN.

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*Messrs. Perkins & Smith to Consul Grattan.*

Sir,

New London, January 1, 1856.

WE have received your letter dated the 28th ultimo, just at hand. We were aware of the notice given by the Admiralty regarding the ships of the Arctic expedition, and we last week communicated to his Excellency Mr. Crampton, at Washington, the fact of the arrival of the "Resolute," and the particulars of her discovery and preservation.

At as early a day as can be appointed we should be happy to wait upon some person empowered to act in behalf of the English Government respecting the disposition of the "Resolute," and have no doubt that an adjustment, speedy and satisfactory, will result.

(Signed) PERKINS & SMITH.

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*Mr. Hobart to Consul Grattan.*

Sir,

Custom-House, New London, January 1, 1856.

I AM in receipt of your letter of the 28th of December, and in reply have to inform you that I have, by direction of the Treasury Department, taken possession of the ship "Resolute" and her lading, and that both are now in charge of an officer of the Customs.

(Signed) H. HOBART, Collector.

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No. 7.

*The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.*

Sir,

Foreign Office, February 6, 1856.

I HAVE received your despatch of the 14th ultimo, inclosing copies of a correspondence with Her Majesty's Consul at Boston, and with Messrs. Perkins and Smith, the owners of the American whaling vessel "George Henry," upon the subject of the recovery from the Arctic Seas of Her Majesty's ship "Resolute," by Captain Buddington, the master of the above-mentioned vessel, and I have to state to you that I approve of the letter which you addressed to Messrs. Perkins and Smith upon this subject.

By the time this despatch reaches you, you will have received my despatch of the 25th ultimo, which will have apprized you of the wishes of the Board of