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“Copies of all Communications between Her Majesty’s Government and the Government of the United States, relating to the recovery and disposal of Her Majesty’s Ship ‘Resolute,’ her arrival in England, and presentation to the Queen; also, of all applications for her re-employment in Arctic Service from any public bodies or private individuals, and of any Letter or Letters addressed to the Admiralty by Lady Franklin, subsequently to that bearing date the 9th day of March, 1856:

“And, Lists of the Vessels, whether English or American, to the Officers and Crews of which the Medal for Arctic Service has been issued, including the boat or land parties employed in the Arctic regions.”

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No. 1.

*Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received January 15, 1856.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, December 31, 1855.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose the copy of an instruction which I have addressed to Her Majesty’s Consul at Boston, directing him to take the necessary legal steps for securing the continuing right of Her Majesty’s Government to Her Majesty’s ship “Resolute,” which was abandoned in the Arctic Seas, but which is now reported to have been brought into the port of New London, in Connecticut, by the captain of an American whaler.

I have the honour to inclose an interesting account of the circumstances under which this vessel was recovered, which has been published in the American newspapers.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

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Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

*Mr. Crampton to Consul Grattan.*

Sir,

*Washington, December 26, 1855.*

I SEE it reported in the American newspapers that Her Majesty’s ship “Resolute” has been brought into the port of New London by Captain Buddington, master of the American whaler “George Henry.”

You will, no doubt, have received from Her Majesty’s Government a copy of the notice contained in the “London Gazette” of the 10th of November, 1854, by which a continuing right is asserted in behalf of the Queen to this vessel, which was abandoned by Captain Sir E. Belcher in the Arctic Seas.

A copy of this notice was communicated by me to the United States’ Government in December last, and was published in the official newspaper, the “Union,” on the 2nd of January.

I have now to instruct you to inquire into the truth of the report above mentioned; and, in case it is confirmed, to take such legal steps as may be necessary for establishing the continuing right of Her Majesty’s Government to the vessel in question.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

JOHN F. CRAMPTON.