

Inclosure 1 in No. 7.

Admiralty to Rear-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle.

(Telegraphic.)

Admiralty, July 4, 1893.

REGULATIONS under Seal Fishery Act are as follows, but do not act without further instructions:—

British cruisers to co-operate with Russian in preventing persons belonging to British ships killing or hunting seals within zones 10 marine miles Russian coast, and 30 marine miles round Commander and Robben Islands.

Warn British ships they are liable to capture for contravention.

British or Russian cruiser may stop and examine British ship contravening.

British Commander examining ship should draw up written statement of circumstances and grounds.

If evidence in statement taken on oath in presence of person charged having liberty to cross-examine and reply, Commander should certify accordingly.

British Commander seizing ship should take her for adjudication to Yokohama or Shanghai, or British Colonial port having competent Court.

Instead of seizing British Commander may retain certificate, giving provisional one, or return certificate indorsed with grounds for seizure, and direct ship in provisional certificate or indorsement to proceed forthwith to specified port.

British Commander should in any case remove sealing equipment, and send it with certificate or copy of indorsement, and statement and witnesses, to specified port to British Consul if Yokohama or Shanghai, Collector of Customs if colonial port.

When Russians stop ship Commander will at first opportunity hand over ship or documents to British cruiser or authority.

British Commander receiving ship or documents from Russians to proceed as if himself had examined ship.

In every case British Commander should record name of ship and master, and inform Commander-in-chief of action.

Russians alone will exercise jurisdiction within 3-mile limit.

Send necessary cruisers to carry out above. Full text of instructions and documents follow by mail.

Inclosure 2 in No. 7.

Admiralty to Rear-Admiral Sir E. Fremantle.

(Telegraphic.)

Admiralty, July 6, 1893.

SEALING Order in Council dates 4th July. Act on telegram of 4th.

No. 8.

Mr. Howard to the Earl of Rosebery.—(Received July 10.)

My Lord,

St. Petersburg, July 5, 1893.

I HAVE the honour to inclose herewith a translation of an extract from the "Cronstadt Gazette," giving the substance of the instructions issued to the Captain of the Imperial cruiser, the "Nayezdnik," recently dispatched to the north of Russia for the protection of the Russian sea fisheries along the Murman coast and White Sea.

Your Lordship will perceive that, according to these instructions, foreign vessels may only be stopped by the Russian cruiser on the high seas when the pursuit shall have commenced within territorial waters, or when such foreign vessels, keeping beyond the limits of the latter, shall have sent boats out to capture fish, &c., within them. This is the same doctrine which was applied in the cases of our vessels seized last year in the North Pacific Ocean.

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(Signed) HENRY HOWARD.

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