

And in a private letter, which I received from Captain Poland at this place yesterday, he says:

"I received your telegram about noon yesterday off Port Hawkesbury, and immediately anchored at Port Mulgrave, on the Nova Scotia shore, close in behind a high point of land, to await the schooner in case she should be reckless enough to come this way. Just before it was quite dark I caught sight of him going down midstream at a great pace, and at once weighed and gave chase and captured him in less than an hour. The master and about half the crew bolted on shore in the boat, the owner and three or four of the men were taken in the schooner. I am on my return to Charlottetown, which port I shall reach on Sunday."

3. I am greatly pleased that the affair has turned out as it has. The recapture of the prize will save the delay and inconvenience of having to await the redelivery of the vessel and crew from the United States.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) WILLIAM ROBINSON,
Lieutenant-Governor.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

Despatch from the Secretary of State.

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The Earl of Kimberley to Lieutenant-Governor Robinson.

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SIR,

Downing Street, 17th December, 1870.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 15,* of the 23rd of November, reporting the steps which you have taken to give effect to the decision adopted by Her Majesty's Government with regard to the admission of United States fishing vessels to British ports for the purpose of obtaining supplies and transshipping fish.

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I approve of the course you have adopted, and notice with satisfaction the assurance contained in your despatch that the Government of Prince Edward Island will not be found disposed to act otherwise than in unison with Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the Dominion in any steps which it may be necessary to take hereafter for the more effectual prevention of encroachments on the Colonial Fisheries by foreign vessels.

The Lieutenant-Governor,
Prince Edward Island.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) KIMBERLEY.