

the United States on Lake Ontario, on the fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and twelve, and purchased by the United States under an interlocutory decree directing its sale, the avails of which have not been paid to said Crooks, with interest on said sum from the day of seizure until the approval of the act for their relief, by the President of the United States.

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WASHINGTON, Saturday, April 11th.

SIR:

As I am anxious to have some conversation with you upon the subject of your claim upon this Government, perhaps you will be so good as to call here on Monday, about 2 o'clock, or at any time between that and 5, when you will find me at home and very glad to see you.

Your faithful and obedient servant,

H. S. FOX.

HON. JAMES CROOKS.

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WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 30th.

SIR:

An accident prevented me from receiving your letter of last week, which came through the post office, until several days after it was written; and I regret that I was not at home when you called upon me on Monday. As I have found that the history of your claim is not fresh in the recollection of the government here, I think the best way in which I can proceed, to serve you, is this: If you will make out a circumstantial statement of the claim, and of what has, up to this time, been done in it, I will present that statement to the Sec'y of State, with a letter from myself strongly urging the claim upon the attention of the Government, and calling upon them in good faith to exert themselves with Congress for its speedy settlement. I would offer to make out such a statement myself, but that you have all the papers, and are of course better acquainted than I can be with the proceedings that have hitherto passed. The statement should particularly specify the date and terms of the former President's message to Congress, and of the two favorable Reports from Committees of the House of Representatives. No mention need be made of the Bermuda case, as that plea seems to have been abandoned. If you agree with me in the propriety of the step above suggested, I shall be glad to present the statement as soon as you can furnish me with it. It will be best that you should send any letter direct to my house, as I do not send every day to the post office. And if it is agreeable to you to call here, you will find me at home, and very glad to see you, either to-morrow (Friday,) or the next day, about 3 o'clock,

Your very faithful and obedient servant,

H. S. FOX.

HON'BLE JAMES CROOKS.

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*Statement relative to the Seizure of the British Schooner Lord Nelson, in time of Peace, by an American Vessel of War, on Lake Ontario.*

The Schooner Lord Nelson was built at the town of Niagara, in the Province of Upper Canada, in the year 1811. On the 5th of June, the year following, (1812,) she was fired into and seized by the Oneida, an American Brig of the United States, commanded by Lieutenant Woolsey, being first chased and then fired into, whilst on her passage from Prescott, a town also in Upper Canada, at the head of the rapids of the St. Lawrence, being at the time about half way up Lake Ontario, when engaged in her regular trade of carrying the productions of Upper Canada to that place on their way to Quebec, and bringing back to Niagara the manufactures of the country.

Immediately after her seizure was known, one of the owners, repaired to Sacket's Harbour, a port of the U. S., whither she had been conveyed, and al-