

No. 20.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, December 10, 1875.

WITH reference to Mr. Lister's letter of the 12th of October, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, herewith, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington,* reporting that the United States' Government are unable, without a special Act of Congress, to grant compensation to the shipper of the lobsters on board the "Lizzie Dakers."

I am, &c.
(Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 21.

Mr. Meude to Lord Tenterden.—(Received December 20.)

(Extract.)

Downing Street, December 18, 1875.

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, inclosing a copy of a despatch from Sir E. Thornton, giving the result of the representation which he made to the United States' Government respecting the grant of compensation to the shipper of certain tinned lobsters sent from Canada on board the "Lizzie Dakers."

No. 22.

Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received February 5.)

(Extract.)

Washington, January 24, 1876.

I HAVE the honour to state that I have more than once urged upon Mr. Fish the justice of procuring the repeal of the Tariff of February 8, 1873, as far as it relates to the imposition of duty upon the tins containing fish imported from Canada, on the ground that it was a violation of the XXIst Article of the Treaty of May 8, 1871. Mr. Fish, admitting that the duty in question was opposed to the spirit, if not to the letter, of that Treaty, had promised that he would endeavour to obtain a repeal of the objectionable enactment on the meeting of Congress.

Within the last few days I have reminded him of the matter. He excused himself for not having yet taken any step on the ground that, owing to the multitude of requests for papers by the new House of Representatives, he had been more than usually occupied, but he has assured me that he will take an early opportunity of calling the attention of the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means to the subject.

No. 23.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Meude.

Sir,

Foreign Office, February 8, 1876.

WITH reference to your letter of the 18th of December, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, an extract of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington,† in regard to the imposition of duty upon the tins containing fish imported into the United States from Canada.

I am, &c.
(Signed) TENTERDEN.