

Foreign Office, January 17, 1862.

COPIES of Correspondence with Her Majesty's Minister in the United States.

From Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.

Dated Washington, December 31, 1861.

MY LORD, (Received January 15, 1862).

THE Secretary of State of the United States has informed me that, having learned that Messrs. J. W. Zacharie and T. J. Rogers, American citizens, were taken from a vessel called the "Eugenia Smith," under the British flag, and under circumstances similar to those involved in the case of Messrs. Mason and Slidell, and that they are now confined in Fort Lafayette, he has caused orders to be given for their discharge, and permission for them to return to Norfolk, in Virginia, by way of Fortress Monroe.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) LYONS.

Extract of a Despatch from Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.

Dated Washington, December 31, 1861.

(Received January 15, 1862).

I HAVE the honor to enclose, herewith, to your Lordship a copy of a note from Mr. Seward to the Secretary of the Navy, which has been communicated to me to-day by Mr. Seward, referring to the fact of a British schooner, the "James Campbell," captured for breach of blockade, having been brought into New York, with the British flag flying under that of the United States; Mr. Seward condemns this act in the strongest terms; the act was disavowed with equal promptitude by the naval authorities of the United States, under whose notice it was brought.

Enclosure in Lord Lyons' Despatch.

*Department of State, Washington,
December 31, 1861.*

*To the Honourable Gideon Welles,
Secretary of the Navy.*

SIR. THIS Department has received unofficial information that the schooner "James Campbell," captured by the blockading squadron, was carried into New York with the British flag flying under that of the United States. This unseemly act must have been occasioned by a misapprehension of his duty by the officer who ordered or allowed it. I will, consequently, thank you to give such orders as may tend to prevent a repetition of the same.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Extract of a Despatch from Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.

*Dated Washington,
December 31, 1861.*

"I HAVE the honor to enclose, herewith, to you a copy of a note from Mr. Seward to the Secretary of the Navy, which has been communicated to me to-day by Mr. Seward. It refers to the circumstances of an oath having been exacted as a condition of release, by the Commander of the

United States steamer, from three British seamen, captured for breach of blockade, to the effect that they should undertake not to be employed in similar proceeding for the future. Your Lordship will see that Mr. Seward strongly condemns this act, and releases the seamen from the obligation taken by them."

Enclosure in extract from Lord Lyons' Despatch of December 31, 1861.

*Department of State, Washington,
December 31, 1861.*

To the Honourable Gideon Welles.

SIR,

"THIS Department has been informally apprized that Commander Woodhall, of the United States steamer 'Connecticut,' recently exacted as a condition of the release of members of the crew of the British schooner 'Adeline,' captured for a breach of the blockade, that they should enter into an engagement not to be employed in a similar proceeding in future. It occurs to this Department that, as the requirement referred to is not warranted by public law, the commanders of blockading vessels should be instructed not to exact any similar condition for the release of persons found on board vessels charged with a breach of the blockade. It may be lawful to detain such persons as witnesses, when their testimony may be indispensable to the administration of justice; but when captured in a neutral ship, they cannot be considered, and ought not to be treated, as prisoners of war. Angus Smith, John Mooney, and John H. McHenry, the alleged British subjects above referred to, are consequently to be considered as absolved from the obligation represented to have been required of them by Commander Woodhall.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD."

Whitehall, January 16, 1862.

The Queen has been pleased to direct letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal, granting the dignity of a Baronet of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, unto Charles Wentworth Dilke the younger, of Sloane-street, in the county of Middlesex, Esquire, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten.

By virtue of an Act, passed in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, intituled "An Act to repeal so much of two Acts made in the tenth and fifteenth years of the reign of His present Majesty, as authorizes the Speaker of the House of Commons to issue his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for making out writs for the election of Members to serve in Parliament, in the manner therein mentioned, and for substituting other provisions for the like purposes:"

I do hereby give notice, that the death of Sir Charles Merrik Burrell, Bart., late a Member serving in this present Parliament for the borough of New Shoreham, hath been certified to me in writing, under the hands of two Members serving in this present Parliament, and that I shall issue my warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out