

ever, to limit the right of British subjects to fish in the American limits to the 39th degree of latitude instead of to the 36th, as provided by the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854. On being asked by the British Commissioners why they wished to except fish preserved in oil, the American Commissioners stated that it was to prevent any question being raised by Italy and other continental nations with regard to sardines, which were subjected to a heavy duty as articles of luxury. And, on being asked why they limited the fishing rights to the 39th degree of latitude, the American Commissioners stated that, between the 36th and 39th degrees of latitude, the coast had not been surveyed by the Fishery Commissioners, and that they were anxious to avoid the expense and delay that would be occasioned by having to complete the survey to the 39th degree. They added that, as a matter of fact, ~~there~~ were no fisheries, except of the best, between ~~the 36th~~ and 39th degrees of latitude. The British Commissioners, however, remarked that, by drawing the line at the 39th degree, Canadian fishermen would be excluded from Chesapeake and Delaware Bays.

On the 27th of March the subject again came under discussion, when the British Commissioners stated that they found that the lake fisheries could not be opened to American fishermen. The American Commissioners thereupon observed that the United States must consequently exclude lake and river fish; and they proposed that the abolition of the duties on lumber and timber should date from the 1st of July, 1874. It was at this meeting also arranged that the contemplated Tariff and fishery arrangements should be for ten years certain, with a two years' notice.

On the 28th of March, the Commissioners, in a letter to Lord Granville, stated that they had after a discussion of several days brought the United States' Commissioners to the following proposals, beyond which they stated that they were not likely to advance; some of the reciprocal rights of fishing in Canadian waters, and in American waters down to the 39th degree of latitude, except always, the reservation of certain rights defined by the Fishery Commissioners under the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854; the admission, duty free, of coal, salt, fish (except shell fish and fish preserved in oil, as well as those