

the two Governments by a temporary and mutual concession without prejudice, should endeavour to reach some middle ground of *ad interim* construction by which existing friendly relations might be preserved until some permanent Treaty arrangements could be made.

The reasons why a revision of the Treaty of 1818 cannot now, in the opinion of the United States' Government, be hopefully undertaken, and which are set forth in my note to Lord Iddesleigh of the 11th September, 1886, have increased in force since that note was written.

I again respectfully commend the proposal above mentioned to the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) E. J. PHELPS.

No. 39.

*Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received January 31.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, January 19, 1887.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 6th instant, and to inform your Lordship that, in obedience to the instructions therein contained, I have communicated copy of the despatch of the Governor-General, and of the Report which accompanied it, on the case of the United States' fishing-vessel "Crittenden," to the United States' Government.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

No. 40.

*Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received February 7.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, January 19, 1887.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Lordship copies of a Bill which has been introduced into the House of Representatives for the protection of American fishermen, in consequence of the denial on the part of the Dominion Government of the right to land and transport American fish in bond over Canadian railroads to the United States.

It is said that American capitalists interested in Canadian railroads are strongly opposed to this Bill.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

Inclosure in No. 40.

*49th Congress, 2nd Session.—H. R. 10786.*

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

*January 17, 1887.*

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Belmont introduced the following Bill:—

*A Bill to protect American Vessels against unwarrantable and unlawful Discriminations in the Ports of British North America.*

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that hereafter, whenever the President shall be satisfied