

been committed with open impunity by a large fleet of American schooners, who, according to existing Treaties, are forbidden to carry on the fishery within three leagues of the shore.

By letters I have just received under date of 1st August from my Agent at Gaspé, in Lower Canada, it appears that eighty-five American schooners were at that time employed fishing in the Bay of Gaspé, which is not five miles across from shore to shore, consequently these American schooners are infringing the Treaty, and as Halifax is the station of our cruizers which seldom or never visit these important fishing grounds, I beg to solicit your Lordship's earliest attention to this important subject, feeling persuaded that this violation of Treaty on the part of the Americans, if not timely checked by your Lordship will further extend over all British possessions on that coast, to the great detriment of those British subjects who like myself (now eighty years carrying on the fishery at Gaspé) have embarked all their fortune in the fisheries which have always been protected and fostered by the Crown of England as the best nursery for her seamen.

I beg to apologize to your Lordship for this intrusion.

I have, &c.

(Signed)           FREDERICK JANVRIN.

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*Mr. Addington to Mr. Janvrin.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, September 10, 1851.*

I AM directed by Viscount Palmerston to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, stating that eighty-five vessels belonging to the United States have been fishing in the Bay of Gaspé in violation of a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States; and I am to state to you that your representation upon this matter ought to be addressed to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

I am, &c.

(Signed)           H. U. ADDINGTON.