

ENCLOSURE 4 IN No. 178

From the Assistant United States Secretary of State to Messrs. Wilcox and Van Allen

February 25, 1925.

Messrs. WILCOX AND VAN ALLEN,
684 Ellicott Square,
Buffalo, N.Y.

SIRS,—The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 28, 1925, bringing to the attention of the Department an Act of Congress approved June 2, 1924, granting authority to the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company to construct a bridge across the Niagara River at Buffalo, New York, and an Act of the Canadian Parliament assented to June 13, 1923, which authorized the construction of the same bridge.

You inquire whether it is necessary also to obtain the approval of the International Joint Commission for the construction of the bridge under Article III of the Treaty of January 11, 1909, concerning the boundary waters between the United States and Canada.

This Department considers that the complementary Acts of the Canadian Parliament and the Congress of the United States render a reference of the matter to the International Joint Commission unnecessary.

I am, etc.,

For the Secretary of State,

LELAND HARRISON,
Assistant Secretary.

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From the United States Section, International Joint Commission, to the United States Secretary of State

July 17, 1925.

The Honourable
The Secretary of State,
Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of communication of the sixteenth instant, with enclosure of copy of a letter to Messrs. Wilcox and Van Allen, both with reference to the application made to the International Joint Commission by the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Company for permission to construct and operate a public highway bridge over the Niagara River between the City of Buffalo, New York, and the Village of Fort Erie, in the Province of Ontario.

Both communications will be placed before the members of the International Joint Commission for their information.

I am, etc.,

WM. H. SMITH,
Secretary.

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