

Inclosure in No. 19.

Mr. Bayard to Sir L. West.

Sir,

Department of State, Washington, December 11, 1886.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge your note of the 7th instant, with which you communicate, by the direction of the Earl of Iddesleigh, a copy of the Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, approved the 26th October last, wherein the regret of the Canadian Government is expressed for the action of Captain Quigley, of the Canadian Government cruiser "Terror," in lowering the flag of the United States' fishing-schooner "Marion Grimes," whilst under detention by the Customs authorities in the harbour of Shelburne, Nova Scotia, on the 11th October last.

Before receiving this communication, I had instructed the United States' Minister at London to make representation of this regrettable occurrence to Her Majesty's Minister for Foreign Affairs; and desire now to express my satisfaction at this voluntary action of the Canadian authorities, which, it seems, was taken in October last, but of which I had no intimation until your note of the 7th instant was received.

I have, &c.
(Signed) T. F. BAYARD.

No. 20.

Mr. Bramston to Sir J. Pauncefote.—(Received December 24.)

Sir,

Downing Street, December 24, 1886.

WITH reference to previous correspondence respecting the North American Fisheries question, I am directed by Mr. Secretary Stanhope to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Iddesleigh, a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, reporting the condemnation of the United States' fishing-vessel "Highland Light" by the Vice-Admiralty Court at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 20.

The Marquis of Lansdowne to Mr. Stanhope.

Sir,

Government House, Ottawa, December 7, 1886.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your information, a copy of a letter from the Department of Fisheries, stating that the United States' fishing-vessel "Highland Light," seized on the 1st September last for fishing within the 3-mile limit, was condemned and ordered to be sold on the 12th instant by the Vice-Admiralty Court at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

It is understood that no defence was entered to the suit.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LANSDOWNE.

Inclosure 2 in No. 20.

Mr. J. Tilton to the Governor-General's Secretary.

Sir,

Ottawa, December 7, 1886.

I HAVE the honour to state, for the information of his Excellency the Governor-General, that this Department was advised by telegraph, under date the 1st instant, from Mr. E. J. Hodgson, Q.C., the Counsel for the Government in the case of the Queen v. the schooner "Highland Light," seized on the 1st September last for fishing within the 3-mile limit, that the Vice-Admiralty Court at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, had condemned the vessel referred to and ordered her to be sold on the 12th instant.

The Department understands that no defence was entered to the suit.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JOHN TILTON,
Deputy Minister of Fisheries.