

R E T U R N

To an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, dated 15th February, 1865, for Copy of all Correspondence between the Government of Canada and the United States, or the British Ambassador at Washington, and of all Despatches from the Home Government, and Orders in Council, on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty.

By command.

WM. McDOUGALL,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
17th February, 1865.

QUEBEC, 17th February, 1865.

SIR.—I have the honor to enclose copies of the despatches, noted in the margin, on the subject of the Reciprocity Treaty, to be laid before the Legislative Assembly, in answer to the Address of that House of the 15th instant, which is herewith returned.

The Duke of Newcastle. No. 15.—
4th February, 1864, and enclosure.
Lord Monck. No. 20.—20th Feb.,
1864, and enclosure.
Mr. C. Fortescue. No. 30.—24th
March, 1864.
Lord Lyons. April 7, and enclosure.
Do. April 8.
Legislative Assembly, Feb. 15, 1865.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
DENIS GODLEY.

The Honorable the Provincial Secretary.

[Copy.—Canada, No. 15.]

DOWNING STREET, 4th February, 1864.

MY LORD.—I have the honor to transmit to Your Lordship a copy of a despatch which Lord Lyons has addressed to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, reporting that a resolution had been introduced into the United States Senate, calling upon the President to give to Her Majesty's Government the required notice for the abrogation of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) NEWCASTLE.

Viscount Monck, &c., &c., &c.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.

[Copy.—No. 19.]

WASHINGTON, January 12th, 1864.

MY LORD.—In my confidential despatch (No. 914) of the 24th ultimo, I gave Your Lordship an account of a conversation which I had had with Mr. Seward, in which, among other things, we spoke of the probability that a motion would be made in Congress that the President should be called upon to give the notice contemplated by the 5th Article of the Reciprocity Treaty, with a view to abrogating the Treaty.

I have now the honor to inform Your Lordship that a Resolution was introduced into the Senate by Mr. Morrill, one of the Senators for the State of Maine, on the 8th instant, "requiring the President of the United States to give the Government of Great Britain the notice required for the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty of the 5th of June, 1854."

The Resolution was, in the usual course, referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.