

to ports in the United States, unless a permit authorizing its importation is presented. Such action would only result in the withdrawal of these facilities from persons engaged in attempts to violate the laws of the United States.

In your note No. 781 of October 13, 1922, you stated that His Majesty's Government "are desirous of assisting the United States Government to the best of their ability in the suppression of the traffic". Under the circumstances I have the honor to inquire whether the Canadian Government would be disposed to issue instructions to its collectors of customs that they should not issue clearances to vessels carrying cargoes of liquor destined to ports in the United States unless a permit authorizing such importation is presented.

Accept etc.

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DESPATCH 201

Washington, May 23, 1923

My Lord,

I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency herewith copy of a letter from the Under-Secretary of State¹ in which Mr. Phillips enquires as to the action taken by this Embassy in connection with a State Department Aide-mémoire, dated June 27th, 1922, relative to the illegal importation of liquor into the United States across the Canadian border. A copy of this aide-mémoire is also enclosed.²

With reference to the third paragraph of Mr. Phillips' letter I would inform Your Excellency that a copy of the aide-mémoire in question formed one of the enclosures in Mr. Chilton's despatch No. 196 of June 29th, 1922,² regarding the difficulties encountered by the United States Government in the enforcement of the national prohibition laws.

As of possible assistance in tracing the correspondence in question, I would refer to my despatches Nos. 92 and 146 of March 14th and April 26th last respectively, dealing with the difficulties experienced by the Prohibition authorities in enforcing the law on the Canadian border, and mentioning in particular the fact that motor-boats are permitted by the Canadian authorities to take on cargoes of liquor and subsequently to clear for an American port. I trust that Your Excellency will soon be in a position to send me a reply on this subject.

I shall also be glad to learn whether Mr. Chilton's despatch No. 196 of June 29th last was in fact safely received. Your Excellency will doubtless com-

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¹Not printed.

²Voir la pièce jointe au doc. 945.

²See enclosure to Doc. 945.