

show their colours. You will draw the attention of masters to this fact, and request them to hoist their colours without requiring to be hailed and boarded.

It cannot be too strongly urged upon you, nor can you too earnestly impress upon the officers and crew under your command, that the service in which you and they are engaged should be performed with forbearance and discrimination.

The Government relies on your prudence, discretion and firmness in the performance of the special duties entrusted to you.

I am, &c.,

Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

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ANNEXURE IV.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries to Captain Scott.

(Confidential.)

OTTAWA,
23rd March, 1886.

SIR,

Adverting to the letter of my department of the 18th instant, enclosing your commission as a Fishery Officer in the Dominion, I have now the honour to send you the instructions by which you are to be guided in the performance of the special duties to which your instructions refer.

In addition thereto, I have to direct that until otherwise ordered you will strictly confine the exercise of your authority within the limit of three marine miles of any of the coasts, bays, creeks, or harbours of Canada, with respect to any action you may take against American fishing vessels and United States citizens engaged in fishing. Where any of the bays, creeks, or harbours shall not exceed six geographical miles in width you will consider that the line of demarcation extends from headland to headland, and the three marine miles are to be measured from this line outward.

In cases where such bay, creek, or harbour is more than six (6) geographical miles in width at its mouth or entrance you will consider the line of demarcation to be drawn between the first points from the mouth or entrance to such bay or harbour at which the width shall not be more than six (6) geographical miles, and the three marine miles will be measured from this line outward, and you may exclude foreign fishermen and fishing vessels therefrom, or seize, if found in violation of the Articles of the Convention, within three marine miles of the coast. In all other respects you will be guided by the instructions herewith.

You will, for the present, proceed with the Government steamer "Lansdowne" to cruise in the Bay of Fundy, or such adjacent Canadian waters as you may deem expedient, reporting from time to time by telegraph or otherwise as may be necessary.

All these instructions you are to consider of a strictly confidential character.

The Government relies upon your judgment to perform with a spirit of forbearance and moderation the delicate and important duties with which you are entrusted.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) GEORGE E. FOSTER,
Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Captain P. A. Scott, R.N.,
St. John, N.B.