

Her Majesty's Government do not desire that the prohibition to enter British bays should be generally insisted on, except when there is reason to apprehend some substantial invasion of British rights. And, in particular, they do not desire American vessels to be prevented from navigating the Gut of Canso (from which Her Majesty's Government are advised they might be lawfully excluded), unless it shall appear that this permission is used to the injury of Colonial fishermen, or for other improper objects.

I have it in command to make this communication to your Lordships as conveying the decision of Her Majesty's Government on this subject.

I have, &c.
(Signed) EDWARD CARDWELL.