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## APPENDIX IV.

## UNITED STATES CONSULATE,

Winnipeg, August 29th, 1871.

SIR,—I enclose for your information, a printed copy of a correspondence between this Consulate and the Treasury Department, in regard to a relaxation of the Bonding system in favor of Immigrants from the Eastern Provinces of Canada to Manitoba, from which you will perceive that a party, on execution of his personal bond at a port of entry on the frontier of the United States, may pass with his personal or household effects, team, vehicle and implements of trade or husbandry, on any route through the States which he finds most convenient. It is necessary however that a citizen of the United States should be security at the port of entry on his bond, and I would therefore suggest for consideration at the Ottawa Conference to which you referred this morning, that the Canadian Government should designate Agents for this purpose and for protection of Immigrants generally, at such ports as Sault St Marie or Duluth, Port Huron, Windsor, etc.

It has been suggested also, that the Treasury Department at Washington might be induced to go further than I ventured to ask in the enclosed correspondence, and direct Customs Officers, on proof that a party is an immigrant from Ontario or Quebec, to allow him all the privileges of an Immigrant from a foreign country to the United States without raising any question of subsequent destination to Manitoba. This would dispense with any necessity of bonding his effects, or of the intervention of Canadian Agents or Commissioners at ports of entry. If you and your colleagues of the Ottawa Conference should determine in favor of such an overture to the Washington authorities, I am inclined to anticipate its success, and it would certainly receive my recommendation. In this connection you may desire to know what effects of an immigrant are now admitted free of duty. I find the following, on a hasty reference to the U. S. Tariff Acts:—

"1. Wearing apparel in actual use and other personal effects, (not merchandise) professional books, implements, instruments and tools of trade, occupation or employment (but not Machinery) of persons arriving in the United States March 2, 1861.

"2. Household effects of persons and families returning or immigrating from foreign countries, which have been in actual use abroad by them, and not intended for any other person or persons, or for sale, not exceeding \$500. A. N. of July 14, 1870.

"3. Waggon, sleighs, harness, ploughs and other implements brought by farmers arriving in the United States from foreign countries as immigrants, for their own use, the same having been used by them in such foreign countries." May 5, 1869.

"4. Teams of animals, including harness and tackle, actually owned by persons immigrating to the United States with their families from foreign countries, and in actual use for the purposes of such Immigration Act of July 14, 1870."

I transcribe these provisions to indicate the articles, which are probably referred to, in the Secretary's letter of May, 24 *aa*, "Teams, waggons, house-