

## No. 16.

*Sir P. Currie to Mr. Bramston.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, December 23, 1886.*

IN reply to your letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Iddesleigh to request you to state to Mr. Secretary Stanhope that his Lordship is of opinion that the solicitors of the owners of the "David J. Adams" are not entitled to the documents they seek to procure, as otherwise they could obtain them by the ordinary process of the Courts, and that, under these circumstances, it does not lie with Her Majesty's Government to interfere with the course of justice.

I am, however, to add that his Lordship considers it would be advisable to inform the Canadian Government of the application made by Mr. Phelps, and to inquire whether they concur in a reply being made thereto in the above sense, and whether they have any observations to offer before such a reply is sent.

I am, &c.  
(Signed) P. CURRIE.

## No. 17.

*Sir L. West to the Earl of Iddesleigh.—(Received December 24.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, December 10, 1886.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatches of the 26th ultimo, which I received on the 7th instant, and to inform your Lordship that I communicated copies of the correspondence therein contained respecting the conduct of the Canadian authorities in the cases of the American vessels "Rattler," "Shiloh," "Julia Ellen," "Mascotte," and "Marion Grimes" to the Secretary of State on the 8th instant.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

## No. 18.

*Sir L. West to the Earl of Iddesleigh.—(Received December 24.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, December 10, 1886.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Lordship herewith the correspondence on the Fisheries question which has been laid before Congress, as published in the newspapers.\* The official print is not yet ready for distribution.

Your Lordship will perceive that in his letter transmitting this correspondence the Secretary of State recommends that a Commission should be appointed to take perpetuating proofs of the losses sustained during the past year by American fishermen in consequence of the interference of the Canadian authorities with their legitimate occupations.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

## No. 19.

*Sir L. West to the Earl of Iddesleigh.—(Received December 24.)*

My Lord,

*Washington, December 12, 1886.*

WITH reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to inclose to your Lordship herewith copy of a note which I have received from the Secretary of State, acknowledging the receipt of the copy of a despatch from the Officer administering the Government of Canada, expressing the regret of the Dominion Government at the action of their authorities in the case of the American vessel "Marion Grimes."

I have, &c.  
(Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.