

the ensuing season ; and Admiral Fanshawe, the Admiral on the station, wrote to the Admiralty on the 21st of April, 1871, saying, that he was about to adopt similar measures to those taken by his predecessors in the preceding year, but with this addition, that the transshipment of fish and obtaining supplies by American fishing vessels was not to be regarded as a substantial invasion of British rights, and that those vessels were therefore not to be prevented from entering British bays and harbours for that purpose.

The Canadian authorities, indeed, had been very urgent that Her Majesty's Government should revert to the Instructions which had been in force just prior to the Reciprocity Treaty coming into operation, in other words, to the Instructions of 1852 and 1853. This, however, could not be done without repealing the Instructions of 1866 and 1870. They ~~therefore~~ proposed to issue Instructions nearly similar to those of 1870, and a copy thereof having been forwarded by Lord Lisgar (formerly Sir John Young) to this country, Lord Kimberley, in reply, stated that there was one point April 12, 1871. in which the proposed Instructions required amendment, namely, as to "the exclusion of United States' fishing vessels from entering Canadian bays or harbours for the                   ;" and he observed that the United States' Government had remonstrated against this exclusion, and that the Canadian Government had already been informed that "the transshipment of fish and obtaining supplies by American fishing vessels could not," in the opinion of Her Majesty's Government, "be regarded as a substantial invasion of British rights, such as was contemplated by the Imperial Instructions of 1866." His Lordship added that, "if the negotiations at Washington should be still pending when the fishery season commences, the enforcement of this exclusion might seriously endanger their success, and cannot therefore doubt that your advisers will agree with Her Majesty's Government in the necessity of, at all events, suspending that part of the Instructions to which I have referred until the result of the negotiation is known."

On the receipt of this communication the Canadian authorities altered their Instructions, so as to meet Lord Kimberley's views, thus, in fact, making