

United States' subjects exercising the privileges conferred upon them under the Convention of 1818," should be inserted after the words "King of France," which occur in that section.

It appears advisable that the 1st Article of the Convention with the United States of 1818 should be printed with the instructions, but that the naval officers should receive a special direction not to take any action against United States' fishermen infringing the Convention of 1818 until further instructions upon the subject are given to them.

It would be desirable that the recent correspondence laid before Parliament in connection with the termination of the Fishery Articles of the Treaty of Washington should be available for the Senior Officer's perusal; and for this purpose I am to suggest that to the list of documents in Appendix 2 of the instructions should be added:—

"United States No. 3 (1884)," C.—3848; and "United States No. 1 (1887)," C.—4937.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 9.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received April 7.)

Sir,

Downing Street, April 6, 1887.

WITH reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by Secretary Sir Henry Holland to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, in which he ably, and, in Sir Henry Holland's opinion, conclusively, justifies the manner in which the Canadian fishery police have acted in enforcing against American fishing-vessels the provisions of the Convention of 1818, and the Acts of Parliament passed for the purpose of giving effect to that Treaty.

The general instruction under which the Canadian fishery police have acted formed one of the inclosures in the letter from this Department of the 21st April, 1886, and, as you will see from paragraph 5 of the despatch now inclosed, the Dominion Government invite Her Majesty's Government to suggest any modifications likely to diminish the friction involved in carrying out the Regulations.

Sir Henry Holland would be glad to learn if Lord Salisbury has any suggestions on this subject to make for the consideration of the Canadian Government. If he has not, Sir Henry Holland proposes, with his Lordship's concurrence, to reply to Lord Lansdowne that Her Majesty's Government gladly recognize the readiness of his Ministers to consider favourably any suggestions which may be made by them, and that they trust that great forbearance and discrimination will be exercised by the fishery police in carrying out the instructions, so as to afford no just ground for complaint to the Government of the United States.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure in No. 9.

The Marquis of Lansdowne to Sir H. Holland.

Sir,

Government House, Ottawa, March 9, 1887.

IN consequence of the repeated complaints which have been addressed to Her Majesty's Government by that of the United States of the manner in which the Canadian authorities have acted in enforcing against American fishing-vessels the provisions of the Convention of 1818 and the Acts of Parliament passed for the purpose of giving effect to that Treaty, I have thought it my duty to invite the special attention of my advisers to the action of the Dominion fisheries police during the last fishing season, and to ask them to consider, upon a general review of the events of that season, and of the different cases in which vessels had been either denied privileges or had been seized or detained within Canadian waters for alleged infractions of the law or otherwise interfered with by the officials of the Dominion; whether any amendment was called for in the instructions which had been issued by the Fisheries