

Majesty's Government have called upon the Canadian Government for a Report on the alleged inhospitable treatment by the Canadian authorities of the American fishing-schooners "Laura Sayward" and "Jennie Seaverns."

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

No. 30.

*Sir R. Herbert to Sir J. Pauncefote.—(Received January 10.)*

Sir, *Downing Street, January 8, 1887.*

WITH reference to the letter from this Department of the 23rd November last, respecting the alleged proceedings of the Canadian authorities in the case of the United States' fishing-vessels "Pearl Nelson" and "Everitt Steele," I am directed by Mr. Secretary Stanhope to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Iddesleigh, a copy of a despatch which was addressed to the Governor-General of Canada on the 22nd November, together with a copy of the reply which has now been received from Lord Lansdowne.

I am to state that copies of the Governor-General's previous despatches of the 29th November, referred to in the one now sent, were communicated to the Foreign Office in the letter from this Department of the 16th ultimo.\*

I am, &c.  
(Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 30.

*Mr. Stanhope to the Marquis of Lansdowne.*

My Lord, *Downing Street, November 22, 1886.*

WITH reference to my telegram of the 6th instant, I have the honour to transmit to you, for communication to your Government, copies of two letters from the Foreign Office, with their inclosures, respecting the alleged proceedings of the Canadian authorities in the case of the United States' fishing-vessels "Pearl Nelson" and "Everitt Steele."

I shall no doubt be favoured shortly with the Report on the subject requested in my telegram.

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

Inclosure 2 in No. 30.

*The Marquis of Lansdowne to Mr. Stanhope.*

Sir, *Government House, Ottawa, December 20, 1886.*

I HAD the honour of receiving your despatch of the 22nd November in regard to the case of the "Everitt Steele" and "Pearl Nelson," recently detained at Shelburne and Arichat, Nova Scotia, for non-compliance with the Customs Regulations of the Dominion.

2. The circumstances under which the conduct of these vessels attracted the attention of the Customs authorities were set out in the Privy Council Orders of the 18th November, certified copies of which were forwarded to you under cover of my despatches of the 29th November.

3. The information contained in these documents was obtained in order to comply with the request for a Report on these two cases which you had addressed to me by telegram on a previous date. I have now carefully examined the fuller statements made by Mr. Bayard, both as to the facts and as to the considerations by which the conduct of the local officials should, in his opinion, have been governed. You will, I think, find, on reference to the Privy Council Orders already before you, that the arguments advanced by Mr. Bayard have been sufficiently met by the observations of my Minister of Marine and Fisheries, whose Reports are embodied in those Orders.

4. It is not disputed that the "Everitt Steele" was in Shelburne Harbour on the 25th March, and sailed thence without reporting. In consequence of this omission on the master's part his vessel was, on her return to Shelburne in September, detained by

\* See No. 13.