

the great lakes, or contiguous to the boundary line between the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

I have, &c.
(Signed) HAMILTON FISH.

No. 8.

Mr. Malcolm to Lord Tenterden.—(Received December 18.)

Sir,

Downing Street, December 16, 1874.

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant, inclosing a copy of a despatch from the British Minister at Washington, with copies of correspondence with the Governor-General of Canada, and the Secretary of State of the United States, on the subject of the exclusion of British subjects from the State canals, referred to in the XXVIIth Article of the Treaty of Washington, 1871.

Lord Carnarvon desires me to inform you that he concurs in the approval of Sir E. Thornton's note to Mr. Fish, which the Earl of Derby proposes to express to him.

The Inclosures Nos. 1, 2, and 4, to Sir E. Thornton's despatch are herewith returned, Nos. 1 and 2 having been received from the Governor-General of Canada in a despatch of which I am to inclose a copy, and a copy of No. 4 having been retained for record in this Department.

I am, &c.
(Signed) W. R. MALCOLM.

Inclosure in No. 8.

The Earl of Dufferin to the Earl of Carnarvon.

My Lord,

Government House, Ottawa, November 19, 1874.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information, a copy of a despatch which I have addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, inclosing a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council of the Dominion, on the subject of the mutual use of the canals of the United States and Canada, by the shipping of both countries under the Treaty of Washington.

I have, &c.
(Signed) DUFFERIN.

No. 9.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, December 18, 1874.

WITH reference to my letter of the 10th instant, I am directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Carnarvon, a copy of a further despatch from Sir E. Thornton, respecting the non-admission of Canadian vessels to the free use of certain canals in the United States.*

I am, &c.
(Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 10.

Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received December 27.)

My Lord,

Washington, December 14, 1874.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 30th ultimo, I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of a note which I have received from Mr. Fish, and of its inclosures, relating to the navigation of the canals in the State of New York by British and Canadian vessels.