

State of the United States, with its inclosures, requesting to be furnished with authentic information respecting the Canadian Laws regulating the sale and exportation of fresh herring from Grand Manan Island, I have the honour to forward herewith, for communication to Mr. Bayard, a copy of an approved Report of a Committee of the Privy Council, to which is appended a copy of the Customs Laws of Canada containing the desired information.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LANSDOWNE.

Inclosure 4 in No. 27.

Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 24th November, 1886.

THE Committee of the Privy Council having had their attention called by a telegram, dated the 18th November instant, from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, to his former despatch of the 28th October ultimo, inclosing a copy of a note from the Honourable Mr. Bayard, and inclosures, asking for authentic information respecting the Canadian Laws regulating the sale and exportation of fresh herring from Grand Manan Island.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom said despatch was referred for early report, states that any foreign vessel, "not manned nor equipped nor in any way prepared for taking fish," has full liberty of commercial intercourse in Canadian ports upon the same conditions as are applicable to regularly registered foreign merchant-vessels; nor is any restriction imposed upon any foreign vessel dealing in fish of any kind different from those imposed upon foreign merchant-vessels dealing in other commercial commodities.

That the Regulations under which foreign vessels may trade at Canadian ports are contained in the Customs Law of Canada (a copy of which is herewith), and which render it necessary, among other things, that upon arrival at any Canadian port a vessel must at once enter inward at the custom-house, and upon the completion of her loading clear outwards for her port of destination.

The Committee recommend that your Excellency be moved to transmit a copy of this Minute, together with a copy of the Customs Laws, as containing authentic information respecting Canadian Laws regulating the sale and exportation of fresh herring to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, for the information of the Honourable Mr. Bayard, Secretary of State for the United States.

(Signed) JOHN J. MCGEE, Clerk,
Privy Council, Canada.

No. 28.

The Earl of Iddesleigh to Sir L. West.

Sir,

Foreign Office, January 6, 1887.

WITH reference to your despatch of the 24th September last, I transmit to you herewith, for communication to the United States' Government, copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, inclosing a Report from his Government on the case of the United States' fishing-vessel "Crittenden."*

I am, &c.
(Signed) IDDESLEIGH.

No. 29.

Sir L. West to the Earl of Iddesleigh.—(Received January 7, 1887.)

My Lord,

Washington, December 24, 1886.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 8th instant, and to inform your Lordship that I have duly advised Mr. Bayard that Her

* See Inclosures in No. 24.