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TRADE WITH THE BRITISH PROVINCES.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

IN ANSWER TO

A resolution of the House of the 7th instant, transmitting information as to the trade between the United States and the British North American Provinces since the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty.

MARCH 31, 1868.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
March 30, 1868.

SIR: The following resolution adopted by the House of Representatives on the 7th of February last was duly received:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to communicate to this house a statement of the trade between the United States and the British North American Provinces, now confederated under the name of Canada, since the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty, and showing to what extent, if any, the interests of the United States have been affected by such abrogation; also as to the nature of the arrangements made for securing to American citizens the free navigation of the river St. Lawrence, and the privilege of fishing in the waters adjacent to Canada.

As the time necessary to prepare a proper answer to the resolution cannot be spared by any competent person connected with this department, I hand you herewith a communication prepared by Geo. W. Brega, in answer to said resolution, which seems to contain the information which has been called for by the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to be, your obedient servant,

H. McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

HON. SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker House of Representatives.

WASHINGTON, March 27, 1868.

SIR: I beg leave to submit the annexed report in reply to the following resolution of the House of Representatives, passed February 7, 1868:

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