

I should be glad to be informed whether the United States' authorities have prevented Canadian vessels from passing through the St. Clair Flats Canal.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

No. 6.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.

Sir,

Foreign Office, December 10, 1874.

I AM directed by the Earl of Derby to transmit to you a copy of a despatch from Sir E. Thornton,* inclosing correspondence with the Governor-General of Canada and Mr. Fish on the subject of the exclusion of Canadian subjects from the canals in the State of New York, and I am to request you to state to the Earl of Carnarvon that Lord Derby proposes, with his concurrence, to approve the note which Sir E. Thornton addressed to Mr. Fish on the 23rd ultimo, calling his attention to the matter.

The inclosures marked Nos. 1, 2, and 4 in Sir E. Thornton's despatch are sent in original, to be returned, in case they should not yet have been received at the Colonial Office from Lord Dufferin.

I am, &c.

(Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 7.

Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received December 14.)

My Lord,

Washington, November 30, 1874.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 23rd instant, I have the honour to inclose copy of a note which I have received from Mr. Fish in answer to mine, copy of which was inclosed in that despatch, relative to the navigation of certain of the canals of the United States by Canadian vessels. Your Lordship will perceive that Mr. Fish states that a further representation upon the subject has been made to the Governor of the State of New York.

I have forwarded a copy of this note to the Governor-General of Canada.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

Inclosure in No. 7.

Mr. Fish to Sir E. Thornton.

Sir,

Department of State, Washington, November 24, 1874.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 23rd instant, in reference to the engagement of the United States to urge upon the several State Governments to secure to subjects of Her Britannic Majesty the use of the several State canals connected with the navigation of the lakes; and in which you state that you are in receipt of a despatch from the Earl of Dufferin, transmitting a copy of a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of the Dominion of Canada, in which it is stated that whilst all the Canadian canals have been opened to vessels of the United States, that British subjects are entirely excluded from the use of any and all canals in the United States, except the Sault Sainte Marie Canal.

I am somewhat surprised at this general statement in the Report of the Committee; and it would, perhaps, be more satisfactory had some special instance of exclusion been reported, that the facts might have been represented. I have, however, transmitted a copy of your despatch to the Governor of the State of New York, and have requested information upon the question.

Although the Report of the Committee of the Privy Council states that all the canals of the United States are so closed, except the Sault Sainte Marie Canal, I beg to inform you that the Resolution of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, of March 23, 1872, opening the Sault Sainte Marie Canal, applied also to any canal connected with