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Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received March 21.)

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My Lord,

Washington, March 6, 1854.

I HAVE not failed, in obedience to the instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch No. 25 of the 6th ultimo, to call the attention of the Secretary of State of the United States to the advantages which would result to British industry, and to American consumers without interfering with any branch of American industry, from an abrogation of the existing duty on sewed and embroidered muslins, the produce of Ireland.

Mr. Marcy has expressed himself favourably upon the subject, and promised to submit it to the consideration of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honour to transmit the copy of a note which I have addressed to him in regard to this matter.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

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Mr. Crampton to Mr. Marcy.

Sir,

Washington, March 6, 1854.

A MEMORIAL has been addressed to Her Majesty's Government by the Chamber of Commerce at Belfast, a copy of which I have the honour to inclose herewith, setting forth the advantages which would result to British industry, and to American consumers, from a reduction of the present duty levied on sewed and embroidered muslins in the United States.

The circumstances connected with this branch of industry in Ireland, and which are alluded to in the above-named memorial, render it a subject of peculiar interest to Her Majesty's Government, and I have consequently been instructed to call the especial attention of the Government of the United States to the subject, as one particularly meriting their favourable consideration. I would consequently request of you, Sir, to bring it under the consideration of the proper department of the United States' Government, with a view to the inclusion of the articles in question in the list of those which have been submitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to Congress as fair subjects for the liberal commercial legislation which has been proposed for their adoption.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

No. 245.

Mr. Addington to Sir J. Emerson Tennent.

Sir,

Foreign Office, April 5, 1854.

WITH reference to Mr. Booth's letter of the 8th of February last, inclosing a representation from the Shipowners' Association at Liverpool, relative to the expediency of obtaining for British vessels from foreign ports a privilege of engaging in the coasting trade of foreign countries, in return for permission to foreign vessels to engage in the coasting trade of Great Britain; I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to transmit to you, for the information of the Board of Trade, a copy of a despatch* from Mr. Crampton, Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, reporting the substance of a conversation with the United States' Secretary of State upon the above subject, and inclosing, also, a copy of a note which he has addressed to Mr. Marcy thereupon.

I am, &c.

(Signed) H. U. ADDINGTON.