

to foreign vessels generally when importing foreign cargoes, under section 4,347 of the Revised Statutes, but without regard to the several provisions in this section which apply especially to imported goods transported in bond. I am further informed that the Collector has been instructed to allow free transit to all return cargoes shown by the manifests of Canadian vessels to be destined for Canada.

It is further stated that instructions, similar in tenour and object to those addressed to the Collector at Plattsburgh, will be given to the Collector of Customs at Buffalo and Oswego, New York, and Burlington, Vermont, and that the Surveyor of Customs at Albany, and the Deputy-Collector at Troy, New York, will be notified of these orders.

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

No. 36.

*Mr. Malcolm to Lord Tenterden.—(Received July 11.)*

(Extract.)

*Downing Street, July 11, 1876.*

WITH reference to previous correspondence relating to the navigation of United States canals by Canadian vessels, I am directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Derby, a copy of a despatch received on the 28th ultimo from the Governor-General of Canada, together with such of its inclosures as are not already in the possession of the Foreign Office.

Inclosure 1 in No. 36.

*The Earl of Dufferin to the Earl of Carnarvon.*

My Lord,

*Government House, Ottawa, June 13, 1876.*

REFERRING to my despatch No. 92, April 6, and to previous correspondence relating to the navigation of United States' Canals by Canadian vessels under the Treaty of Washington, I have the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information, copies of further communications and inclosures which I have received from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington on this subject.

Your Lordship will observe, from the inclosure in Sir E. Thornton's last despatch, that Mr. Fish states that he has been informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that instructions have been issued by the United States' Customs' authorities to permit the free navigation of the canals of the State of New York to Canadian vessels on the same terms and conditions as are accorded to United States' vessels.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) DUFFERIN.

Inclosure 2 in No. 36.

*Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Dufferin.*

My Lord,

*Washington, April 10, 1876.*

WITH reference to your Excellency's despatch of the 8th instant, I have the honour to inform you that about a month ago I called Mr. Fish's attention to the Act of Congress of September 26th, 1850, which empowers the Secretary of the Treasury to allow vessels laden with the products of Canada, &c., to lade or unlade at any port or place within any collection district which he may designate.

After consideration of this Act, I understand from Mr. Fish that he addressed a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, suggesting to him to avail himself of the power granted by it, and to designate Albany and Troy as two places at which vessels coming from Canada might discharge cargo.

On the 6th instant I asked Mr. Fish whether he had received any answer to the above communication. He replied in the negative. Mr. Bristow is now absent from Washington in Kentucky.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.