

the building, arming, or maintaining of more than a single war vessel on the Great Lakes, such information to include all data bearing upon the subject now in the possession of the Department."

Mr. Burton.—Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman from New Hampshire will permit me, he is doubtless aware of the fact that a full and exhaustive Report was filed in December 1892 upon this very question. Can he state whether other facts have developed since that time which make this Resolution necessary?

Mr. Clarke (of New Hampshire).—Mr. Speaker, the Committee have made the Resolution broad enough to deal with the entire subject.

Mr. Burton.—I only ask the question, Mr. Speaker, because it seems to me that we have passed the inquiry stage in this matter and ought to act.

The Speaker.—The question is on agreeing to the amendment proposed by the Committee.

The amendment was agreed to.

The Resolution as amended was agreed to.

On motion of *Mr. Clarke* (of New Hampshire), a motion to reconsider the last vote was laid on the table.

No. 4.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received January 29.)

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing Street, January 27, 1900.

I AM directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, transmitting copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Washington on the subject of the application made by the United States' Government for permission to pass through Canadian inland waters the converted yacht "Frolic," which has been lent to the State of Ohio for the use of the Naval Militia.

2. A telegram, of which a copy is inclosed, has been sent to the Governor-General of Canada asking when an expression of the views of his Ministers may be expected, and, pending the receipt of Lord Minto's reply, Mr. Chamberlain will defer making any observations on the application of the United States' Government.

I am, &c.

(Signed) H. BERTRAM COX.

Inclosure in No. 4.

Mr. Chamberlain to Governor-General the Earl of Minto.

(Telegraphic.) P.

Downing Street, January 26, 1900.

WHEN may I expect to receive observations of your Ministers on request of United States' Government for permission for "Frolic" to pass through Canals?

No. 5.

Lord Pauncefote to the Marquess of Salisbury.—(Received February 27.)

(No. 15.)

(Telegraphic.) P.

Washington, February 27, 1900.

WITH reference to my despatch No. 8 of the 12th January, on the subject of the request of the United States' Government for permission for the converted yacht "Frolic" to pass through the St. Lawrence River, I have the honour to state that the Governor-General of Canada has now communicated to me the decision of his Government to grant the permission required on condition that the vessel should be employed for the purpose of drill only on the Great Lakes.

Am I authorized to communicate this reply to the United States' Government?