

United States Supreme Court in the case of Cunard Steamship Company, Ltd. v. Mellon, that there was no authority of law for granting such permission, and it was, therefore, refused.

It is believed that the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the cases of *Gregan V. Walker*, 259 U.S. 80, and *Cunard Steamship Company, Ltd., v. Mellon*, 14 Advance Opinions 552, support the conclusions reached.

Accept etc.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS

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*Le chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis au Gouverneur général*  
*Chargé d'Affaires in United States to Governor General*

DESPATCH 401

Washington, November 3, 1923

My Lord,

I have the honour to refer to Your Excellency's despatch No. 134 of August 31st last, relative to the illicit traffic in liquor across the Canadian border, and to transmit to Your Excellency herewith a copy of a note from the United States Government in which Mr. Hughes states that Mr. Mackenzie Moss is prepared to proceed to Ottawa on the 26th instant with a view to discussing the general question of liquor smuggling with the officials of the Canadian Government at a conference convening on December 1st.

I should be most grateful if Your Excellency would inform me whether any definite decision has been reached in regard to the holding of the conference in question on that date.

I have etc.

H. G. CHILTON

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*Le secrétaire d'État des États-Unis au chargé d'affaires aux États-Unis*  
*Secretary of State of United States to Chargé d'Affaires in United States*

Washington, November 1, 1923

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note No. 773 of September 8, 1923, concerning the proposed conference at Ottawa, for the purpose of discussing ways and means of preventing the smuggling of liquor from Canada into the United States. You stated that the time and place for such conference had not as yet been settled, but that the matter was in the hands of the Canadian Minister of Customs who it was hoped would soon be in a position to fix a definite date for the Conference in question.

I am informed that the Canadian Minister of Customs and Excise has suggested that the conference be held during the week ending December 1.