

## No. 33.

*Mr. Malcolm to Lord Tenterden.—(Received June 2.)*

Sir,

*Downing Street, June 1, 1876.*

I AM directed by the Earl of Carnarvon to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd ultimo, inclosing a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington forwarding a correspondence with Mr. Fish relating to the navigation of the United States' canals by Canadian vessels.

Lord Carnarvon concurs with Lord Derby in the proposed approval of the course pursued by Sir E. Thornton in this matter.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) W. R. MALCOLM.

## No. 34.

*The Earl of Derby to Sir E. Thornton.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, June 6, 1876.*

I REFERRED to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies your despatch of the 8th ultimo, together with its inclosures, relative to the navigation of the United States' canals by Canadian vessels, and I have to convey to you the approval of Her Majesty's Government of the course adopted by you in the matter.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) DERBY.

## No. 35.

*Sir E. Thornton to the Earl of Derby.—(Received June 25.)*

(Extract.)

*Washington, June 12, 1876.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose copy of a note which I have at length received from Mr. Fish, relative to the navigation of the canals of the State of New York by Canadian vessels. On its receipt, I at once sent a copy of it to the Governor-General of Canada, and at the same time telegraphed to his Excellency, informing him that I had received it; for, as this is the season when the produce of Canada is for the most part transported into the State of New York, I was aware that the Canadian Government would be anxious to be informed that the navigation of the canals of that State was open to Canadian vessels.

As far as I am able to judge, the terms of Mr. Fish's note are satisfactory, and Canadian vessels with cargoes may now proceed by Lake Champlain and the Whitehall and Erie Canals to Troy and Albany, or by the Erie Canal, entering either at Buffalo from Lake Erie, or at Oswego from Lake Ontario, to Albany and Troy. I hope, however, soon to receive from Lord Dufferin the acquiescence of the Canadian Government in the orders which have at length been given.

Inclosure in No. 35.

*Mr. Fish to Sir E. Thornton.*

Sir,

*Department of State, Washington, June 7, 1876.*

REFERRING to previous correspondence upon the subject of the navigation of the canals of the United States by Canadian vessels, under Article XXVII of the Treaty of Washington, I have now the honour to inform you that I am informed by the Secretary of the Treasury that instructions have been issued to the Collector of Customs at Plattsburgh, New York, to allow Canadian barges and other vessels laden with imported goods to pass that port, on a clearance to Albany, or to any port intermediate between Plattsburgh and Albany, under such conditions and regulations as would govern the navigation of American barges or vessels coming from Canada, under section 3,102 of the Revised Statutes, or under such regulations as would apply