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Correspondence respecting the British North American Fisheries:
1803 to 1851.

No. 1

Sir S. Cottrell to Mr. G. Hammond. — (Received-March 31)

*Office of Committee of Privy Council for Trade,
Whitehall, March 31, 1803.*

Sir,

THE Lords of the Committee of Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations having had under consideration a letter from Mr. Sullivan, transmitting, by directions of Lord Hobart, copies of two letters from Mr. George Leonard, His Majesty's Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries at Canso, suggesting measures which he conceives would materially benefit and increase the shipping and commerce of the British Colonies in America, and prevent the illegal traffic alluded to therein, as carried on by the vessels belonging to the United States, I am directed by their Lordships to transmit to you copies of the said letters; and I am to desire that you will be pleased to lay the same before Lord Hawkesbury, with the request of the Lords of this Committee to be favoured with his Lordship's opinion, how far the proposal contained in the said letters may be consistent with the Treaties and political relations subsisting between this country and the United States of America.

I am, &c.
(Signed) STEPH. COTTRELL.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

Mr. Sullivan to Mr. Fawkener.

Sir,

Downing Street, March 11, 1803.

I TRANSMIT to you, by Lord Hobart's direction, copies of two letters which I have received from Mr. Leonard, His Majesty's Superintendent of Trade and Fisheries at Canso, suggesting measures which he conceives would materially benefit and increase the shipping and commerce of the British Colonies in America, and prevent the illicit traffic carried on by vessels from the United States to the coasts thereof; I am to request you will lay these papers before the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and Foreign Plantations, for their Lordships' information and consideration.

I am, &c.
(Signed) JOHN SULLIVAN.

Inclosure 2 in No. 1.

Mr. Leonard to Mr. Sullivan.

Sir,

St. John's, New Brunswick, November 10, 1802.

I BEG leave to request you will inform the Right Honourable Lord Hobart that, on the 19th of May last, I received an official letter from his Excellency Sir John Wentworth, Governor of Nova Scotia, recommending the cruizing of the "Union" in the Bay of Fundy and the shores near the entrance, where the principal part of the