

enters and during entire stay of vessel within those waters, and no part of such article or articles shall during that period be removed from under seal for any purposes whatsoever.

Upon departure of vessel from such territorial waters, destined for a foreign port, such article or articles under seal may be released therefrom either by an officer of vessel or by an officer of party affixing seal.

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*L'ambassadeur aux États-Unis au secrétaire d'État des États-Unis*  
*Ambassador in United States to Secretary of State of United States*

No. 494

Washington, June 19, 1923

Sir,

With reference to the note which you were so good as to address to me on March 7th last regarding the illegal traffic in liquor across the Canadian border, I have the honour to inform you that I am now in receipt of a communication from His Excellency the Governor General of Canada relative to the issuing of clearance papers to small motor-boats and other vessels leaving Canadian ports, particularly Belleville and Corbyville, Ontario, with cargoes of liquor destined to ports in United States territory.

The Government of Canada have carefully investigated the matter and have ascertained that the provisions of the law as it stands are being properly observed. Owing to the fact that liquors in bond cannot be exported except upon the giving of a bond of a Guaranteed Company in double duties to produce a foreign customs landing certificate, the liquors in question are all duty paid. The Dominion Government further state that the export of liquor is not prohibited from Canada and that there exists no provision in the customs laws or regulations which would warrant the refusal of clearance papers to vessels carrying liquor destined for a foreign port because of the fact that the entry of such liquors, without special permits, is prohibited at the foreign port in question.

In these circumstances the Government of Canada much regret their inability to adopt the suggestion put forward by the United States Government in regard to this matter.

I have etc.

For the Ambassador  
H. G. CHILTON

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

No. 695

Washington, July 16, 1923

Sir,

With reference to Sir Auckland Geddes' note No. 494 of the 19th ultimo relative to the illegal traffic in liquor across the Canadian border, I have the