

No. 12.

*Sir J. Pauncefote to Sir R. Herbert.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, December 15, 1886.*

WITH reference to my letter of the 4th October last, I am directed by the Earl of Iddesleigh to transmit to you, to be laid before Mr. Secretary Stanhope, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, inclosing copy of a further note from the United States' Secretary of State, protesting against the action of the Canadian authorities with regard to the United States' fishing-schooner "Molly Adams."\*

I am to request that the Dominion Government may be asked to furnish a Report, as soon as possible, upon the allegations now made by the master of the United States' vessel, as well as on the previous note from Mr. Bayard on this subject inclosed in my letter of the 4th October last.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

No. 13.

*Mr. Bramston to Sir J. Pauncefote.—(Received December 16.)*

Sir,

*Downing Street, December 16, 1886.*

WITH reference to your letters of the 4th, and to the reply from this Department of the 23rd ultimo, respecting the United States' fishing-vessels "Pearl Nelson" and "Everett Steele," I am directed by Mr. Secretary Stanhope to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Iddesleigh, copies of despatches, with their inclosures, from the Governor-General of Canada, on the subject.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed)

JOHN BRAMSTON.

Inclosure 1 in No. 13.

*The Marquis of Lansdowne to Mr. Stanhope.*

Sir,

*Government House, Ottawa, November 29, 1886.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith a copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council of Canada, furnishing the Report asked for in your telegraphic message of the 6th November, with reference to the detention of the American schooner "Everett Steele," at Shelburne, Nova Scotia, for an infraction of the Customs Regulations of the Dominion.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

LANSDOWNE.

Inclosure 2 in No. 13.

*Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Privy Council for Canada, approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on the 18th November, 1886.*

THE Committee of the Privy Council are in receipt of a telegram from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the words "United States' Government protest against proceedings of Canadian authorities in case of 'Pearl Nelson' and 'Everett Steele,' said to have put into Arichat and Shelburne respectively, for purposes sanctioned by Convention. Particulars by post. Send Report soon as possible."

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the telegram was referred, submits that the schooner "Everett Steele" appears, from the Report of the Collector of Customs at Shelburne, to have been at that port on the 25th March last, and sailed without reporting. On her return to Shelburne in September she was detained by the Collector of Customs for an infraction of the Customs Law.

The captain having assured the Collector that he had been misled by the Deputy