

“ their consequences, will effect a considerable change in the commercial intercourse between the Canadas and the United States.

“ I should see with great regret the adoption of such measures, and “ I am induced to hope, from the conversations I have recently had with “ you, that they will be unnecessary.

“ The wish of Her Majesty’s Government indeed would be rather “ to improve than impair all relations of friendship and good neighborhood between Her Majesty’s American possessions and the United “ States; and I feel myself authorized to repeat to you now, what I “ have at different times stated to Mr. Clayton, and yourself, viz.:— “ That Her Majesty’s Government would see with pleasure any arrangement, either by treaty or by legislation, establishing a free interchange “ of all natural productions, not only between Canada and the United “ States, but between the United States and all Her Majesty’s North “ American Provinces; and furthermore, I am willing to say that in the “ event of such an arrangement, Her Majesty’s Government would be “ ready to open to American shipping the waters of the River St. Lawrence with the canals adjoining, according to the terms of a letter “ which I addressed to Mr. Clayton on 27th March, 1850, for the information of the Committee on Commerce in the House of Representatives, and to which I take the liberty of referring you, whilst I may “ add that Her Majesty’s Government would in this case be likewise “ willing to open to American fishermen the fisheries along the coast of “ Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, according to the conditions specified “ in the enclosed extract from instructions with which I am furnished.

“ The willingness to grant to American citizens on such reasonable “ conditions two important privileges, so long enjoyed exclusively by the “ subjects of Great Britain, will testify clearly to the spirit by which the “ British Government is on this occasion animated; and as affairs have “ now arrived at that crisis in which a frank explanation of the views “ of either party is necessary for the interests and right understanding “ of both, I take the liberty of begging you to inform me whether you “ are disposed, on the part of the United States, to enter into such a convention as will place the commercial relations between the United “ States and Her Majesty’s North American colonies on the footing “ which I have here proposed; or whether, in the event of there appearing to you any objection to proceed by convention in this matter, you “ can assure me that the United States Government will take the earliest opportunity of urgently recommending Congress to carry out the “ object aforesaid by means of legislation.

“ I will avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurance of my highest consideration.

“ H. L. BULWER.

“ Hon. DANIEL WEBSTER, &c, &c.”

“ GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

“ TORONTO, 7th June, 1851.

“ SIR,—I have the honor to transmit for Your Excellency’s information the copy of a memorandum and accompanying documents, “ which has been submitted to me by the Honorable Mr. Hincks, In-