

ADDRESS.

THE ST. ALBANS RAID.—In July 1863, S. R. Mallory, Secretary of the Navy of the so called Confederate States of America, sent twenty-seven commissioned officers and forty petty officers to Canada, to organize an expedition against Johnson's Island in Sandusky Bay, in the State of Ohio, for the purpose of releasing several thousands of Confederate prisoners of war, there held by the United States Government. The facts as there ascertained were reported to the Confederate Congress in December 1863.

On the 20th of December, 1863, Hon. William H. Seward, then Secretary of State, sent a dispatch to Hon. Charles Francis Adams, American Minister at the Court of St. James, for Earl Russell, British Foreign Minister, referring to Mr. Mallory's report, in which he said: "In the opinion of this Government, a toleration in Great Britain, or in those provinces, of the practices avowed by the insurgents, after the knowledge of them now communicated to his lordship, would not be neutrality, but would be a permission to the enemies of the United States to make war against them from British shores."

On the 20th of May, 1864, the Hon. J. F. Howard, United States Consul at St. John, N. B., likewise communicated to Mr. Seward information that an unusually large number of disloyal citizens of the United States had quite recently passed that city *en route* for Canada *via* Fredricton and *Riviere du Loup*.