

I confess that I am unable to see why the instructions of 1870, which were thought sufficient for the substantial protection of British rights, should not be held sufficient for that purpose in 1886.

It is admitted, I believe, that the present enforcement of the full measure of Treaty rights by the Dominion Government is resorted to for the purpose of putting pressure on the United States' Government to negotiate a new Reciprocity Treaty.

In maintaining this attitude they offend the American people and they deprive themselves of a remunerative trade in bait and ice and other supplies to American fishing-vessels.

I venture, therefore, to submit for consideration whether it would not be desirable to agree to revert temporarily, as proposed by Mr. Bayard and by Mr. Phelps, to the instructions of 1870, if by doing so we can obtain a distinct promise that the United States' Government will meet us in the same spirit, and do their utmost, in return, to promote a commercial or fishery arrangement which shall be satisfactory to both nations.

(Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

Foreign Office, September 20th, 1886.

P.S.—I have not referred to the cases of the "Bayard" and "Mascot," mentioned in Mr. Phelps' note, as they are dealt with in letters lately received from the Colonial Office. See Nos. 71 and 82 of Print, Part II, pp. 55 and 56.

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Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE
September 27th. 1886.

SIR,

I have laid before the Earl of Iddesleigh your letter of the 18th instant,* inclosing a copy of a telegram from the Officer Administering the Government of Canada respecting the United States' fishing boat "Rattler," and I am to acquaint you in reply for the information of Mr. Secretary Stanhope, that his Lordship proposes to defer taking any action in this matter until full particulars are received by despatch from Canada. His Lordship would be glad to be informed when the despatch may be expected.

I am, &c.,
(Signed) P. W. CURRIE.

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

* Not printed (L. F.)

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