

CONFIDENTIAL.

Further Correspondence respecting the Proceedings of the  
Joint Commission for the Settlement of Questions  
pending between the United States and Canada.

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PART III.

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No. 1.

*Lord Pauncefote to the Marquess of Salisbury.—(Received January 20.)*

(No. 8.)

My Lord,

*Washington, January 12, 1900.*

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith to your Lordship a copy of a note I have received from Mr. Hay, requesting me to obtain from the Canadian Government permission for the passage through the St. Lawrence River and the Welland Canal of the converted yacht "Frolic," which the United States' Navy Department has lent to the State of Ohio for the Naval Brigade of the Ohio National Guard stationed at Cleveland.

I have transmitted this request to the Governor-General of Canada, and have informed his Excellency that I have forwarded a copy of Mr. Hay's note to your Lordship as it involves important considerations connected with the arrangement of the 28th April, 1817, in relation to the naval forces to be maintained on the Great Lakes.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) PAUNCEFOTE.

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Inclosure in No. 1.

*Mr. Hay to Lord Pauncefote.*

Excellency,

*Department of State, Washington, January 10, 1900.*

I HAVE the honour to solicit your good offices to obtain from the Government of Canada permission for the passage through the St. Lawrence River and the Welland Canal of the converted yacht "Frolic," which it is the purpose of the United States' Navy Department to lend to the State of Ohio for drill use by the 2nd Battalion, Naval Brigade, Ohio National Guard, stationed at Cleveland.

The "Frolic" is described as "165 feet long; 25 feet beam; draft 10 ft. 3 in.; displacement 607 tons; built of steel in 1892 in Cleveland, Ohio, by the Globe Iron Works; single screw verticle, inverted, triple expansion engine."

The vessel is to be turned over at Norfolk, Virginia, by the Navy Department to the State of Ohio by which it will be brought to Cleveland without armament.

I have, &c.  
(Signed) JOHN HAY.