

No. 21.

The Earl of Iddesleigh to Sir L. West.

Sir, *Foreign Office, December 24, 1886.*
 WITH reference to previous correspondence, I transmit to you, for communication to the United States' Government, Reports from the Government of Canada relative to the cases of the United States' fishing-vessels "Pearl Nelson" and "Everett Steele."*

I am, &c.
 (Signed) IDDESLEIGH.

No. 22.

Mr. Meade to Sir J. Pauncefote.—(Received December 29.)

Sir, *Downing Street, December 27, 1886.*
 WITH reference to your letter of the 23rd instant, and to previous correspondence respecting the case of the "David J. Adams," I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Iddesleigh, a copy of a telegram which has been sent to the Governor-General of Canada on the subject.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) R. H. MEADE.

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Mr. Stanhope to the Marquis of Lansdowne.

(Telegraphic.) *Colonial Office, December 24, 1886.*
 UNITED STATES' Government request solicitors of "David J. Adams" may be given, for purposes of trial, copies of Reports by Scott or Customs officers in connection with seizure. Her Majesty's Government propose to answer to following effect: Solicitors appear to be not entitled to documents desired, otherwise they would obtain all necessary papers by means of legal procedure. Under the circumstances, it does not lie with Her Majesty's Government to interfere with course of justice. Do you concur or does your Government consider it desirable to offer observations before Her Majesty's Government answer?

No. 23.

Mr. Meade to Sir J. Pauncefote.—(Received December 29.)

Sir, *Downing Street, December 27, 1886.*
 WITH reference to your letter of the 15th instant, relating to the case of the United States' fishing-vessel "Mollie Adams," I am directed by Mr. Secretary Stanhope to transmit to you a copy of a despatch which was addressed to the Governor-General of Canada upon the subject upon the following day.

I am also to inclose a copy of a further despatch which Mr. Stanhope has addressed to the Governor-General, having reference to the general question of the treatment of United States' fishing-vessels in Canadian ports.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) R. H. MEADE.

Inclosure 1 in No. 23.

Mr. Stanhope to the Marquis of Lansdowne.

My Lord, *Downing Street, December 16, 1886.*
 WITH reference to my despatch of the 6th October, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a letter, with its inclosures, from the Foreign Office, relative to the case of the United States' fishing-vessel "Mollie Adams."