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Mr. Adams to Mr. Seavord.


Sir: Despatches have been received at the legation from the department, numbered 756 to 761, inclusive, together with a note dated the 14th of November, relating to the discharge of Mrs. Singleton's son, and another of the 16th, marked “private.”

I have taken the necessary measures to obtain a conference with Lord Russell on the subjects referred to in Nos. 769, 760, and 761. On reflection, I prefer to adopt this course, in the first place, rather than that by writing, more especially as another subject has arisen, having an intimate relation to the main question in agitation, and not unlikely to effect the decision to which the British government will ultimately come.

It is now more than a fortnight since I received private and confidential advices from a person at Sheerness, that one of several war steamers, which had been lately sold by the British government, was remaining at that place, refitting, under the direction of persons connected with the royal dockyards, in a manner which created in him a strong suspicion that she was intended for an illegal purpose. The communication was of a kind that I could not use in any official way; but I conferred with Mr. Morse on the subject, and with his aid procured other information, strongly confirming the idea that the vessel was intended for the rebels, though nothing of a kind positive enough to base any representation upon to the British government. It is not improbably that the parties concerned got wind of the inquiries that were making, for they suddenly determined upon pushing the vessel out of the harbor, in spite of the fact that she was by no means prepared for sea, and had no adequate force to man her;
Spanish-American War:

World War I:


World War II: