

PREVENTION OF RADIO BROADCASTING INTERFERENCE BY SHIPS

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ARRANGEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN

The British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY,
MANCHESTER, MASS.,
September 8th, 1925

No. 796
Immediate

SIR: With reference to your note of July 1st, and to previous correspondence concerning the proposed reciprocal arrangement between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with wireless broadcasting, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that it has been duly noted that the United States regulations do not now require American ships to be equipped for using the 300 metres wave and that it would seem clear, therefore, that the suggestion in your note under reference for the use of the wave on American ships to be permitted regionally in British waters was merely put forward by the United States Government with a view to meeting what was understood to be the views of His Majesty's Government. I am to point out that the 300 metre wave is used principally in European waters by fishing vessels and other small craft, and it would be impracticable satisfactorily to define the areas in which the wave might be employed. As its use even by such ships may in the near future be abolished, His Majesty's Government are of opinion that it is now unnecessary to qualify the prohibition in regard to United States ships in British waters.

His Majesty's Government are in agreement with the opinion expressed in the penultimate paragraph of Mr. Hughes' note on the subject of December 9th last to the effect that the proposed reciprocal arrangement can be

concluded by an exchange of notes, and I am accordingly authorized to inform you that subject to any modifications which may be agreed to internationally at the next International Conference on Radiotelegraphy, ships registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland will, from October 1st next, be prohibited from using the waves of three hundred and four hundred and fifty metres within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United States on condition that United States ships will, from October 1st next, be similarly prohibited from using those waves within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United Kingdom.

In regard to the conclusion of a similar arrangement between Canada and Newfoundland on the one hand, and the United States on the other, I have the honour to inform you that I am awaiting separate instructions which Mr. Secretary Chamberlain has promised to furnish me with at an early date, and on receipt of which I shall not fail to communicate with you in the matter forthwith.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. CHILTON

The Honourable

FRANK B. KELLOGG

*Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D.C.*

The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 15, 1925

SIR: Referring to your note No. 796, dated September 8, 1925, concerning the proposed reciprocal arrangement by an exchange of notes between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with radio broadcasting, I am pleased to state that copies of your note have been forwarded to the interested authorities of this Government with a view to ascertaining whether the necessary orders will be issued to American ships effective on October 1st next. As soon as replies are received to these inquiries, I shall address a further communication to you on this subject.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

JOSEPH C. GREW

Mr. HENRY CHILTON, C.M.G.,

*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain*

The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 25, 1925

SIR: Referring to your note No. 796, dated September 8, 1925, and to the Department's note dated September 15, 1925, concerning the proposed reciprocal arrangement between the Government of the United States and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with wireless broadcasting, I am pleased to state that, subject to any modifications which may be agreed to internationally at the next international conference on radiotelegraphy, ships registered in the United States will, from October 1st next, be prohibited from using the waves of 300 and 450 meters within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United Kingdom upon the understanding that ships registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland will, from October 1st next, be similarly prohibited from using these waves within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United States. Appropriate orders to give effect to this arrangement have been issued by the interested Departments of this Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

FRANK B. KELLOGG

Mr. HENRY CHILTON, C.M.G.,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
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ARRANGEMENT WITH CANADA

The British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY,
MANCHESTER, MASS.,
September 18th, 1925

No. 823

SIR: With reference to your note of September 15th concerning the proposed reciprocal agreement by an exchange of notes between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with radiobroadcasting, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that the Canadian Government desire to conclude with the United States Government a reciprocal agreement in terms similar to those proposed in my note No. 796 of September 8th.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant,

H. CHILTON

The Honourable,
FRANK B. KELLOGG
Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D.C.

The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, September 23, 1925

SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your note No. 823, dated September 18, 1925, stating that the Canadian Government desires to conclude with the United States Government a reciprocal arrangement in terms similar to those proposed in your note No. 796, dated September 8, 1925, for a reciprocal arrangement between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with radio broadcasting.

I have brought this matter to the attention of the interested Departments of this Government and I shall address a further communication to you as soon as replies are received from them.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

For the Secretary of State:

J. BUTLER WRIGHT

Mr. HENRY CHILTON, C.M.G.,
Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain

The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, October 1, 1925

SIR: Referring to your note No. 823, dated September 18, 1925, and to the Department's note dated September 23, 1925, concerning the proposed reciprocal arrangement between the Government of the United States and the Canadian Government for preventing interference by ships with wireless broadcasting, I am pleased to state that, subject to any modifications which may be agreed to internationally at the next international conference on radiotelegraphy, ships registered in the United States will, from October 1, 1925, be prohibited from using the waves of 300 and 450 meters within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of Canada upon the understanding that

ships registered in Canada will, from October 1, 1925, be similarly prohibited from using these waves within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United States. Appropriate orders to give effect to this arrangement have been issued by the interested Departments of this Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

FRANK B. KELLOGG

Mr. HENRY CHILTON, C.M.G.,
*Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary,
Chargé d'Affaires ad interim of Great Britain*

ARRANGEMENT WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

The British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Secretary of State

BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D.C.,
September 29th, 1925

No. 833
Immediate

SIR: With reference to your note of September 25th, concerning the reciprocal agreement by an exchange of notes between the United States Government and His Majesty's Government for preventing interference by ships with wireless broadcasting, and to my note No. 823 of September 18th, in which I informed you that the Canadian Government desired to conclude with the United States Government a reciprocal agreement in terms similar to those proposed in my note No. 796 of September 8th, I have the honour, under instructions from His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inform you that the Government of Newfoundland also desire to conclude with the United States Government a similar agreement.

The Canadian Government and the Government of Newfoundland are anxious that these agreements should enter into force on October 1st next and I have the honour, therefore, to request that I may be informed at the earliest possible moment whether the United States Government are prepared to issue the orders necessary to give effect to these agreements by that date.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Sir, Your most obedient, humble servant,

H. CHILTON

The Honourable

FRANK B. KELLOGG
*Secretary of State of the United States
Washington, D.C.*

The Secretary of State to the British Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, October 1, 1925

SIR: Referring to your note No. 833, dated September 29, 1925, in which you state that the Government of Newfoundland desires to conclude with the Government of the United States a reciprocal arrangement for preventing interference by ships with wireless broadcasting, I am pleased to state that, subject to any modifications which may be agreed to internationally at the next international conference on radiotelegraphy, ships registered in the United States will, from October 1, 1925, be prohibited from using the waves of 300 and 450 meters within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of Newfoundland upon the understanding that ships registered in Newfoundland will, from October 1, 1925, be similarly prohibited from using these waves within two hundred and fifty miles of the coasts of the United States. Appropriate orders to give effect to this arrangement have been issued by the interested Departments of this Government.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my high consideration.

FRANK B. KELLOGG

MR. HENRY CHILTON, C.M.G.,
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