

Windom, William

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Hill to Windom, Sec. of the Interior

The revenue cutter Fessenden has been boarding our lake steamships, Northern Queen and Northern Wave, and assessing fines for alleged breach of navigation laws regulating carriage of passengers. The boats are strictly freight carriers without passenger accommodations and have not violated the law. The interference is greatly annoying and without advantage to anyone. Please wire orders to collector at Superior to suspend action until affidavits can be prepared and submitted.

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