

*Lord Elgin's Treaty.**Treaty of 1818.*

of any part of the said coast in their occupancy for the same purpose."

be settled, it shall not be lawful for the said fishermen to dry or cure fish at such portions so settled without previous agreement for such purpose with the inhabitants, proprietors, or possessors of the ground."

Lord Elgin's Treaty contains a reciprocal Article in favour of British fishermen on the coasts of the United States, north of 36.

The provision against interference with British fishermen on the coast is in fact a limitation of the privilege as applied to the Colonies included in Lord Elgin's Treaty, granted by the Treaty of 1818, by which no such privilege is secured for British fishermen on the coast of Newfoundland.

Foreign Office, June 27, 1854.

No. 24.

The Earl of Clarendon to the Earl of Elgin.

(No. 8.)

My Lord,

Foreign Office, June 30, 1854.

I RECEIVED on the 26th instant your Lordship's despatch of the 12th, inclosing the Convention respecting fisheries and trade which you had signed at Washington on the 5th instant with the Secretary of State of the United States; and I am commanded by the Queen to signify to your Lordship Her Majesty's entire approval of your proceedings at Washington, and of the ability and judgment which you displayed in overcoming the difficulties with which this complicated subject was beset.

Her Majesty's ratification of the Convention will forthwith be prepared, and, in acquainting Mr. Crampton that such will be the case, I have expressed the hope of Her Majesty's Government that the Senate of the United States will empower the President also to ratify it.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 25.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

(No. 151.)

Sir,

Foreign Office, June 30, 1854.

I TRANSMIT to you, herewith, a copy of a despatch which I have received from the Earl of Elgin, inclosing a copy of the Convention with the United States respecting fisheries and trade signed by his Lordship and the American Secretary of State at Washington on the 5th of this month.

Her Majesty's Government have received this Convention with very great satisfaction, and they are prepared to recommend Her Majesty to ratify it without loss of time; and they trust that the Senate of the United States will empower the President to do the same.

I am, &c.
(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 26.

Mr. Merivale to Mr. Hammond.—(Received July 26.)

Sir,

Downing Street, July 25, 1854.

WITH reference to my letter of the 29th ultimo, on the subject of the Treaty which the Earl of Elgin has concluded with the United States for settling the Trade and Fisheries Question, I am directed by Secretary Sir George Grey to request that you will inform the Earl of Clarendon that there is one clause of the Treaty with respect to which it is the opinion of Sir George Grey that Lord Elgin should be specially instructed.