

28      *Report on the Newfoundland Fishery Question.*

It expresses the willingness of the French Government to resume negotiations respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries, and proposes that the two Governments should be represented by Special Commissioners.

I have, &c.

(Signed)      LYONS.

The Earl GRANVILLE, K.G., &c. &c. &c.

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THE DUKE DE BROGLIE TO LORD LYONS.

*Versailles, July 9th, 1873.*

AMBASSADOR,—In recent circumstances your Excellency has shown the advantages that an understanding on the question of the Newfoundland fisheries would initiate for France and England; and you added that the Government of Her Britannic Majesty was prepared to enter upon the subject in amicable discussion with us.

I hasten to acquaint you that the French Government, who desires equally to see abolished a state of affairs of which the disadvantages are not disputed, are quite disposed to renew negotiations, and to adopt measures to arrive at a conclusion so desirable in their eyes.

The Cabinet of London will judge, I hope, that the best course to follow in order to facilitate a solution is to entrust, as in preceding circumstances, to Special Commissioners the duty to represent the respective interests; and I will be thankful to your Excellency to be good enough to acquaint me if it accepts this proposition.

Accept, &c. &c.

(Signed)      BROGLIE.

His Excellency Lord LYONS, &c. &c. &c.

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LORD KIMBERLEY TO GOVERNOR HILL.

Newfoundland. No. 57.

*Downing Street, October 6th, 1873.*

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge your despatch, No. 79, of the 4th ultimo, transmitting certain Resolutions adopted at a meeting of your Executive Council upon the subject of the rights of Fishery claimed by the French Government under Treaty, on that part of the coast of Newfoundland commonly called the French Shore.