

His Grace presumes that such laws would only extend to waters situate within a marine league of the coasts of the Colony which (in the case of Newfoundland, to which this question especially relates) are defined by the Governor's Commission, from which I annex an extract.

I also inclose an extract from a Report addressed to Sir A. Bannerman by the officer employed on the coast of Newfoundland, and copies of a letter from Admiral Sir A. Milne transmitting that Report to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and of a letter addressed to this Department by direction of their Lordships. These papers will explain the object with which the present question is asked.

I am, &c.

Inclosure 6 in No. 148.

*Extract from the Commission appointing Governor Sir A. Bannerman to be Governor, &c.*

\* \* \* "in and over our Island of Newfoundland, and the islands adjacent, and all the coast of Labrador, from the entrance of Hudson's Straits to a line to be drawn due north and south from Anse Sablon on the said coast to the 52nd degree of north latitude, and all the islands adjacent to that part of the said coast of Labrador."

No. 149.

*Mr. Hammond to Sir F. Rogers.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, December 12, 1862.*

I HAVE laid before Earl Russell your letter of the 3rd instant, and its inclosures, relative to the question whether the laws of Newfoundland for the regulation of the fisheries are binding upon inhabitants of United States within Newfoundland waters; and I am to state to you in reply, for the information of the Duke of Newcastle, that Lord Russell concurs in the proposed reference of this question for the consideration of the Law Officers of the Crown.

I am, &c.

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 150.

*Mr. Elliot to Mr. Hammond.—(Received January 20.)*

Sir,

*Downing Street, January 17, 1873.*

WITH reference to my letter of the 3rd of December last, I am directed by the Duke of Newcastle to inclose, for the information of Earl Russell, a Report from the Law Officers of the Crown on the question, Whether American fishermen on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador are at liberty, in virtue of the Reciprocity Treaty, to disregard the laws and regulations enacted by the Legislature of Newfoundland for the conduct of the fisheries?

I am also to inclose a copy of a despatch in accordance with that Report, which, with his Lordship's concurrence, his Grace proposes to address (confidentially) to the Governor of Newfoundland, and to communicate (also confidentially) to the Governors of the other North American Provinces and to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty.

I am, &c.

(Signed) T. FREDK. ELLIOT.