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No. 208.

## Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Confidential.

Foreign Office, July 11th, 1887.

SIR.

With reference to your letter of the 1st instant,\* I am directed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to transmit to you, to be laid before Sir Henry Holland a copy of a telegram which Lord Salisbury has addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, expressing the willingness of Her Majesty's Government to appoint a Commission to consider the Fisheries Question.

I am, &c., (Signed) J. PAUNCEFOTE.

The Under Secretary of State, Colonial Office.

Enclosure in No. 208.

## TELEGRAM.

## To Sir L. West, Washington.

"July 9, 1887, 5.30 p.m.—Fisheries. Inform Mr. Bayard that if he will formally propose the appointment of a Commission as suggested in his correspondence with Sir Charles Tupper, Her Majesty's Government will agree with great pleasure."

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The Right Hon. Sir H. T. Holland, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.P., to Governor-General the Most Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G.

Secret.

Downing Street, July 14th, 1887.

My LORD,

With reference to my despatch marked "Secret" of the 7th instant,† respecting the proposed appointment of a Commission to consider the question of the North American Fisheries and that of the commercial relations between Canada and the United States, I have the honor to acquaint you for the confidential information of your Ministers that a telegram was sent by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington on the 9th instant, desiring him to inform Mr. Bayard that if he will formally propose the appointment of a Commission as suggested in his correspondence with Sir Charles Tupper, Her Majesty's Government will have great pleasure in agreeing.

I have, &c., (Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

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No. 210.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.

Confidential.

DOWNING STREET,

July 16th, 1887.

I am directed by Secretary Sir Henry Holland to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a letter‡ from Sir Ambrose Shea, enclosing copy of

\* No. 198.

+ No 202.

‡ No. 199.