

No. 294.

*Sir J. Pauncefote to Sir R. Lingen.**

Sir, *Foreign Office, June 23, 1881.*
 WITH reference to my letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of a further despatch, as marked in the margin, † from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, transmitting a copy of Mr. Blaine's receipt for 15,000*l.* on account of the Fortune Bay Claims settlement, and extracts from the New York press.

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

No. 295.

Mr. Bramston to Lord Tenterden.—(Received June 24.)

My Lord, *Downing Street, June 23, 1881.*
 I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, forwarding a copy of a despatch from Sir E. Thornton, with its inclosures, respecting the settlement of the American claims arising out of the occurrences at Fortune Bay and elsewhere.

Lord Kimberley concurs in the terms of the reply which Earl Granville proposes to return to Sir E. Thornton.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

No. 296.

Lord Tenterden to Mr. Herbert.

(Confidential.)

Sir, *Foreign Office, June 24, 1881.*
 IN accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 18th instant, Earl Granville addressed a telegraphic despatch to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, inquiring what proportion of the sum of 15,000*l.* paid to the United States' Government by Her Majesty's Government represents the amount of the claim in respect of the Aspee Bay affair; and I am directed by his Lordship to transmit to you, to be laid before Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, the accompanying paraphrase of a telegram which has been received from Sir E. Thornton in reply †

I am, &c.
 (Signed) TENTERDEN.

No. 297.

Mr. Cole to Earl Granville.—(Received July 1.)

My Lord, *Treasury Chambers, June 30, 1881.*
 I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, inclosing a copy of a further despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, transmitting a copy of Mr. Blaine's letter of receipt for 15,000*l.* on account of the Fortune Bay, &c., fishery claims; and I am to request that you will move Earl Granville to cause the original letter of receipt to be transmitted to this Board in order that it may be produced to the Comptroller- and Auditor-General.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) J. H. COLE.

* Also to Treasury and Colonial Office.

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‡ No. 293.