

VICTORIA R. & I. *Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, Empress of India, &c., &c., &c., To All and Singular to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!*

Whereas for the purpose of considering and adjusting in a friendly spirit with plenipotentiaries, to be appointed on the part of our good friends, the United States of America, all or any questions relating to rights of fishery in the seas adjacent to British North America and Newfoundland, which are in dispute between our Government and that of our said good friends, and any other questions which may arise, which the respective plenipotentiaries may be authorized by their Governments to consider and adjust, we have judged it expedient to invest fit persons with full power to conduct on our part the discussions in this behalf. Know ye, therefore, that we, reposing especial trust and confidence in the wisdom, loyalty, diligence, and circumspection of our right trusty and well-beloved Councillor, Joseph Chamberlain, a member of our Most Honorable Privy Council and a member of Parliament, &c., &c.; of our trusty and well beloved, the Hon. Sir Lionel Sackville Sackville West, Knight Commander of our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to our said good friends, the United States of America, &c., &c., and of our trusty and well beloved Sir Charles Tupper, Knight Grand Cross of our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, companion of our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., have named, made, constituted, and appointed, as we do by these presents name, make, constitute, and appoint them our undoubted plenipotentiaries; giving to them, or to any two of them, all manner of authority to treat, adjust, and conclude, with such plenipotentiaries as may be vested with similar power and authority, on the part of our good friends, the United States of America, any treaties, conventions, or agreements that may tend to the attainment of the above-mentioned end, and to sign for us and in our name everything so agreed upon and concluded, and to do and transact all such other matters as may appertain to the finishing of the aforesaid work, in as ample manner and form, and with equal force and efficiency as we ourselves could do if personally present; engaging and promising upon our royal word that whatever things shall be so transacted and concluded by our said plenipotentiaries shall be agreed to, acknowledged, and accepted by us in the fullest manner, and that we will never suffer, either in the whole or in part, any person whatsoever to infringe the same, or act contrary thereto, as far as it lies in our power. In witness whereof, we have caused the great seal of our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to be affixed to these presents which we have signed with our royal hand. Given at our court at Balmoral the twenty-fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fifty-first year of our reign.