

No. 321.

*Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Foreign Office, August 17, 1873.*

AS the United States will not accept Belgian Minister for third Commissioner, whom the Government of the Dominion prefer, you will inform Mr. Fish, that as it does not seem that the two Governments can come to an agreement between themselves, there appears nothing for it but to leave the selection to the Austrian Ambassador in this country, in accordance with the terms of the Treaty.

No. 322.

*Mr. Hammond to Mr. Herbert.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, August 18, 1873.*

IN reply to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by Earl Granville to acquaint you that he concurs in the telegram which the Earl of Kimberley proposes to send to the Governor-General of Canada, respecting the selection of a third Commissioner for the Fishery Commission.

I am at the same time to inclose, for Lord Kimberley's information, a copy of a telegraphic despatch which Lord Granville has addressed to Sir E. Thornton upon this subject.\*

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 323.

*Mr. Herbert to Mr. Hammond. (Received August 22.)*

(Confidential.)

Sir,

*Downing Street, August 21, 1873.*

I HAVE laid before the Earl of Kimberley your letter of the 18th instant, stating that Earl Granville concurred in the telegram proposed in the letter from this office of the 14th instant, to be sent to the Governor-General of Canada, respecting the selection of a third Commissioner for the Fishery Commission, and inclosing a copy of a telegram which Lord Granville had sent to Sir E. Thornton upon the subject.

I am to inclose a copy of the decypher of a telegram which was received on the 18th instant from Lord Dufferin, with a copy of one which has been sent to him this day in consequence of your letter.

I am, &amp;c.

(Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 323.

*The Earl of Dufferin to the Earl of Kimberley.*

(Telegraphic.)

*August 18, 1873.*

MY Government strongly object to the appointment of any Minister resident at Washington, and we prefer to resort to the alternative provided by the Treaty, that is, to leave the nomination to Austrian Ambassador.

Inclosure 2 in No. 323.

*The Earl of Kimberley to the Earl of Dufferin.*

(Telegraphic.)

*August 20, 1873.*

THORNTON already instructed to inform Fish that we think selection of Commissioner must be left to Austrian Ambassador.