

I am further to suggest that both Colonies should be pressed for an immediate reply to these telegrams, as the full powers and instructions for the Plenipotentiaries cannot be drafted till these points are settled.

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

No. 10.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 10.)

Sir,

Downing Street, October 10, 1887.

WITH reference to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you copies of telegrams which were addressed in cypher to the Governor-General of Canada, and the Governor of Newfoundland respectively, relating to the terms of reference to the Fisheries Commission at Washington, and to the appointment of an Agent by the Government of Newfoundland, to be present at Washington, to confer with the British Plenipotentiaries on matters affecting the interests of that Colony.

I am also to inclose the decyphers of replies received from the Governor-General and Governor of Newfoundland respectively. It will be observed that further telegrams are promised.

I am, &c.
(Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

Inclosure 1 in No. 10.

Sir H. Holland to the Marquis of Lansdowne.

(Telegraphic.)

Downing Street, October 8, 1887, 4.10 P.M.

FISHERIES Conference: Following are terms of reference finally proposed:—
“Conference of Plenipotentiaries to consider and adjust all or any questions relating to rights of fishery in the seas adjacent to British North America and Newfoundland, which are in dispute between the Government of Her Britannic Majesty and that of the United States of America, and any other questions which may arise in the course of the negotiations, and which they may be authorized by their respective Governments to consider and adjust.” It is not considered advisable to press United States upon question of directly including Alaskan fishery dispute in terms of reference. If negotiations proceed satisfactorily Alaskan question may by agreement be referred to same Plenipotentiaries, under concluding words of reference, which also meet other point referred to in your telegram of the 28th ultimo. Are terms of reference agreeable to your Government, and will Sir J. A. MacDonald represent Canada at Conference? Immediate reply earnestly requested in order to prepare instructions.

Inclosure 2 in No. 10.

Sir H. Holland to Governor Blake.

(Telegraphic.)

Downing Street, October 8, 1887.

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