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The Colonial Office to the Foreign Office.

(Confidential.)

SIR,

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* *File En-
closure in
Foreign Office
of 1st Novem-
ber, 1870,
page 34.*

† *File Pre-
vious Paper,
dated January
1871, page 204.*

I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, to be laid before Earl Granville, a copy of a Despatch from the Governor-General of Canada communicating a copy of a Minute of the Privy Council respecting the interpretation of the Treaty of 1818 on points connected with the Fisheries. The Minute of Council is not sent, as it is the same as that forwarded to Lord Granville by Sir E. Thornton in his Despatch of the 17th ult., No. 413.*

Lord Kimberley proposes to inform the Governor-General, in answer to his Despatch and for the confidential information of his Ministers, that Sir E. Thornton has been cautioned against admitting Mr. Fish's interpretation of the Treaty as regards the exclusion of United States vessels from Canadian ports.

His Lordship presumes that Sir E. Thornton has received this caution in pursuance of the suggestion contained in the letter from this Office of the 18th of October.†

I am, &c.,

(Signed) FRÉDERIC ROGERS.

The Right Hon. E. Hammond.

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The Colonial Office to the Foreign Office.

(Confidential.)

SIR,

Downing Street, 14th November, 1870.

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I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant,* enclosing a copy of a Despatch from Sir E. Thornton relating to the Canadian Fisheries.

Sir E. Thornton observes, that American fishing vessels have been excluded from the three-mile limit as far as the Treaty of 1818 justifies their exclusion. He is of course aware that though these vessels have been recently denied certain privileges which they formerly enjoyed within three miles of shore, they have, on the other hand, been allowed to fish beyond those limits in British bays and harbours, and within three miles of the mouths of those bays and harbours in waters from which, on the construction of the Treaty which has always been maintained by England, the Canadians might rightfully have excluded them.

I am, &c.,

The Right Hon. E. Hammond.

(Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

No. 8.

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The Foreign Office to the Colonial Office.

SIR,

Foreign Office, 18th November, 1870.

* Above.

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant,* I am directed by Earl Granville to request that you will state to the Earl of Kimberley that his Lordship concurs in the answer proposed to be returned to the Despatch from the Governor-General of Canada respecting the interpretation of the Treaty of 1818.

I am to add, that Sir E. Thornton was cautioned not to admit the interpretation put on the Treaty by Mr. Fish, as suggested in your former letter, by a telegram from this Office, on the 24th of October, and that a copy of your confidential letter of the 14th instant on the subject will be forwarded to him by to-morrow's mail.

I am, &c.,

The Under-Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,

(Signed) E. HAMMOND.