

9. The whole subject has not been lost sight of by Her Majesty's Government, who have from time to time been in communication upon it with the French Government; but for reasons which your Ministers will understand, no favourable opportunity has recently presented itself for resuming negotiations. It appears to Her Majesty's Government that the suggestions contained in the Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses, which was transmitted in Governor Musgrave's despatch of the 29th April, 1867, will afford a reasonable basis for the negotiations which are now to be resumed; but before proceeding further, they desire to learn the views of the Colonial Government, and I have to request you to bring this despatch under the notice of your Ministers, and to report to me at an early opportunity whether they have any objection to the course proposed.

I have, &c.

(Signed) . KIMBERLEY.

Governor HILL, C.B., &c. &c. &c.

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Mr. E. HAMMOND TO THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, COLONIAL OFFICE.

*Foreign Office, July 14th, 1873.*

SIR,—With reference to my letter of the 9th instant, and to previous correspondence, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, for the Earl of Kimberly's consideration, a copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Ambassador at Paris, enclosing a copy of a note from the Duc de Broglie expressing the readiness of the French Government to resume negotiations respecting the Newfoundland Fisheries, and suggesting the appointment of a Special Commission with the object of settling the questions at issue.

I am, &c.

(Signed) HAMMOND.

The UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, Colonial Office.

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LORD LYONS TO EARL GRANVILLE.

*Paris, June 12th, 1873.*

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch, No. 629, of the 2nd instant, and to your Lordship's, No. 317, of the 9th instant, I have the honour to enclose a copy of a note dated also the 9th instant, which I received last night from the Duc de Broglie.