No. 205.

The Right Hon. Sir H. T. Holland, Bart., G.C.M.G., M.P., to Governor-General the Most Hon. the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G.

Downing Street, 7th July, 1887.

No. 185.

My Lord,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 140 of the 27th of April last* enclosing an approved Minute of your Privy Council with a copy of the special instructions issued for the present season to the officers in command of vessels employed in the protection of the Canadian Fisheries on the Atlantic coast.

I have to request that you will convey to your Ministers the expression of the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Government at the purport of these supplementary

instructions.

In my despatch Secret of the 7th instant I have communicated to you copies of the instructions which the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been requested to give to the officers of Her Majesty's ships on the North American Station in regard to the Fisheries Question.

I have, &c., (Signed) H. T. HOLLAND.

The Marquis of Lansdowne.

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No 206.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.

Downing Street, July 8th, 1887.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 23rd of April last; enclosing copy of a despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington relative to a report that the Canadian cruizer "Vigilant" fired a blank shot at an American fishing vessel, I am directed by Secretary Sir Henry Holland to transmit to you herewith, for the information of the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a despatch on the subject, with enclosures, received from the Governor-General of Canada.

I am, &c., (Signed) JOHN BRAMSTON.

The Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office.

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No. 207.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.

DOWNING STREET,

July 8th, 1887.

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I am directed by Secretary Sir Henry Holland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, | relating to the instructions proposed to be addressed to Her Majesty's Naval Officers employed on the North American Station in connection with the fisheries.

Sir Henry Holland agrees in the amendments in the instructions which have been suggested by the Marquis of Salisbury, and he desires me to enclose for his Lordship's information a printed copy of the letter¶ which has been addressed to the Admiralty on the subject, as well as copy of a despatch** which has been sent to the Governor-General of Canada.

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

The Under Secretary of State, .

Foreign Office.