

No. 10.

Governor HILL, C.B., to the EARL of KIMBERLEY.—(Received 20th September, 1872.)

My Lord,

Government House, Newfoundland,
28th August, 1872.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's Despatch of the 13th instant,* enclosing two Copies of an Act to carry into effect the Treaty between Her Majesty and the United States of America, signed at Washington on the 8th May, 1871, and suggesting that the question of the extension of the Articles of the Treaty to Newfoundland should be brought before my Advisers with a view to legislation before the meeting of Congress in December.

2. I have laid before my Ministers your Lordship's Despatch and invited their attention to the suggestions contained in it with reference to legislation respecting the Washington Treaty. I learn from them that it would be almost impossible to convene a meeting of the Legislature so as to extend the Articles of the Treaty to Newfoundland before the opening of Congress in December. The occupations of the majority of the members of the House of Assembly and of several members of the Legislative Council would incapacitate them from attending to their sessional duties earlier than the end of January next, at which time it is the present intention of my Advisers to open the Assembly.

3. I observe that the 2nd Section of the Act, cited as "The Treaty of Washington Act," provides for the extension of the Articles of the Treaty as far as they relate to this Colony, to the Island whenever the necessary laws have been passed by the Legislature of Newfoundland and approved by Her Majesty. I shall therefore during the next session again invite the attention of my Executive to the Treaty, and I have no doubt—should nothing unforeseen occur—my Ministers will have little difficulty in inducing the Legislature to accept its provisions.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STEPHEN J. HILL.

No. 11.

Governor HILL C.B., to the EARL of KIMBERLEY.—(Received 24th February, 1873.)

Government House, Newfoundland,

My Lord,

6th February, 1873.

I avail myself of the immediate departure of the mail to transmit herewith a Manuscript Copy of the Speech with which I have this day opened the present Session of the Newfoundland Legislature.

I shall have the honour of transmitting to your Lordship, by the next mail, six Printed Copies of the Speech in question.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Kimberley,
&c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) STEPHEN J. HILL.

Inclosures in No. 11.

EXTRACT from the SPEECH of His Excellency Governor HILL, C.B., on the opening of the Fourth Session of the Tenth General Assembly of NEWFOUNDLAND, 6th February, 1873.

Mr. President and Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Honourable House of Assembly :

Among the subjects of importance which will be submitted to you, special attention will be invited to the extension to this Colony of the Articles of the Treaty of Washington, so far as they are applicable to Newfoundland, and early legislation suggested upon this question.