

No. 10.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

(No. 108. Secret.)

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 4, 1854.

I HAVE informed the Earl of Elgin, with reference to the wish of Newfoundland to be included in the stipulations of any Treaty for the settlement of the Fisheries and Trade Questions, that, as certain special privileges of fishing in the neighbourhood of that island are enjoyed by France, it will be necessary to insert in an Article by which greater rights should be conceded to the United States than they now enjoy, words to this effect, "saving and excepting the rights of France on the coasts of Newfoundland."

I am, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 11.

Mr. Crampton to the Earl of Clarendon.—(Received May 9.)

(No. 106.)

My Lord,

Washington, April 23, 1854.

REAR-ADMIRAL FANSHAW, who has lately taken the command of Her Majesty's naval forces on the North American station, has written to me, expressing a hope that I may be enabled to confer with him upon several subjects of interest in regard to the service upon which he is engaged. It appears to me that it would be very desirable that I should be enabled to comply with his Excellency's request to repair to Halifax for that purpose in the course of the present summer; and I would, therefore, should your Lordship concur with me in this opinion, request that I may be authorized to leave Washington for a short period for that purpose.

Should your Lordship concur with my request, I would suggest that it might be well that I should avail myself of the same opportunity to confer with the Governors of Her Majesty's North American Colonies on the commercial questions pending between those Colonies and the United States.

I have, &c.

(Signed) JOHN F. CRAMPTON.

No. 12.

The Earl of Clarendon to Mr. Crampton.

(No. 118.)

Sir,

Foreign Office, May 12, 1854.

I HAVE to state to you, in reply to your despatch No. 106 of the 23rd ultimo, that I approve of your proceeding to Halifax to confer with Rear-Admiral Fanshawe.

The present communication which you will have with the Governor-General of Her Majesty's North-American Provinces, and to which I have alluded in my despatch No. 103 of the 4th instant, will enable you to judge whether any personal communication with the Lieutenant-Governors of the several Provinces is necessary.

I have, &c.

(Signed) CLARENDON.

No. 13.

Mr. Merivale to Mr. Hammond.—(Received May 13.)

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Downing Street, May 12, 1854.

I AM directed by the Duke of Newcastle to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Clarendon, two copies of the second series of the papers collected in this Office for the use of the Cabinet relative to the fisheries of British North America.

I am, &c.

(Signed) HERMAN MERIVALE.