

with its inclosures, respecting the settlement of the American claims arising out of the occurrences at Fortune Bay and elsewhere.

Lord Kimberley concurs in the terms of the reply which Earl Granville proposes to return to Sir E. Thornton.

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

No. 146.

Mr. Cole to Earl Granville.—(Received July 1.)

My Lord,

Treasury Chambers, June 30, 1881.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, inclosing a copy of a further despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, transmitting a copy of Mr. Blaine's letter of receipt for 15,000*l.* on account of the Fortune Bay, &c., fishery claims; and I am to request that you will move Earl Granville to cause the original letter of receipt to be transmitted to this Board in order that it may be produced to the Comptroller- and Auditor-General.

I have, &c.
(Signed) J. H. COLE.

No. 147.

Earl Granville to Sir E. Thornton.

Sir,

Foreign Office, July 2, 1881.

I TRANSMITTED to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury a copy of your despatch of the 6th ultimo, inclosing copy of a note which you had received from Mr. Blaine, acknowledging the receipt of your communication of the 2nd ultimo, in which you forwarded to him a bill of exchange for 15,000*l.* in full payment of the Fortune Bay and other claims; and I now transmit to you the accompanying copy of a letter which has been received from the Treasury in reply,* desiring to be furnished with the original letter of receipt for production to the Comptroller- and Auditor-General; and I have to request you to forward this document accordingly for the purpose indicated.

I am, &c.
(Signed) GRANVILLE.

No. 148.

Mr. Bramston to Sir J. Pouncefote.—(Received July 6.)

Sir,

Downing Street, July 5, 1881.

WITH reference to the letter from this Department of the 18th ultimo, and to your reply of the 24th respecting the amount paid to the United States' Government on account of the Aspee Bay affair, I am directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, for the information of Earl Granville, a copy of a despatch which his Lordship had addressed to the Governor-General of Canada on the subject.

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

Inclosure in No. 148.

The Earl of Kimberley to the Marquis of Lorne.

My Lord,

Downing Street, June 30, 1881.

IN my despatch of the 2nd instant I explained to you that the agreement with the United States' Government under which the Fortune Bay claims and all other claims preferred up to the 4th March last have been settled by the payment of a sum of 15,000*l.* included the settlement of the Aspee Bay claims.