

No. 24.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 20.)

Sir,

Downing Street, October 20, 1887.

WITH reference to your letter of the 1st September, and previous correspondence, I am directed by Secretary Sir H. Holland to transmit to you, to be laid before the Marquis of Salisbury, a copy of a letter from the Admiralty, inclosing the instructions issued by the Commander-in-chief on the North American Station to the Captain of the ship detached on service in connection with the protection of the Canadian fisheries, together with a draft of the reply which, with his Lordship's concurrence, he proposes to return to the Admiralty letter.

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

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Admiralty to Colonial Office.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

Admiralty, October 4, 1887.

WITH reference to your letter of the 6th July, and to subsequent correspondence, on the subject of Imperial support to Canadian officers engaged in the protection of the fisheries, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to transmit to you, for the perusal of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, copy of a letter from the Commander-in-chief on the North American and the West Indian Station, dated the 13th September, forwarding copy of the instructions given to Captain Beaumont, of Her Majesty's ship "Canada," on this subject.

I am, &c.
(Signed) EVAN MACGREGOR.

Inclosure 2 in No. 24.

Vice-Admiral Lyons to Admiralty.

(Confidential.)

Sir,

"Bellerophon," at Quebec, September 13, 1887.

REFERRING to your Confidential letter of the 30th July last, and to subsequent correspondence, on the subject of Imperial support to Canadian officers engaged in the protection of the fisheries, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, that I purpose dispatching the "Canada" to-morrow to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with instructions to Captain Beaumont, of which the annexed is a copy.

The "Tourmaline" will next week, on her return to Halifax from Montreal, visit the fishing-grounds near the mainland. The orders I have given Captain Byles are framed in the sense as are those to Captain Beaumont.

I return to-morrow in the "Bellerophon" to Halifax, passing over a great part of the fishing-ground in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

I have, &c.
(Signed) ALGERNON LYONS.

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Vice-Admiral Lyons to Captain Beaumont.

(Confidential.)

Memo.,

"Bellerophon," at Quebec, September 13, 1887.

ON the signal to part company being made to-morrow, the 14th instant, you will proceed in the "Canada," under your command, to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, for the purpose of visiting the fishing-grounds there, and with the view of giving effect to the wishes of Her Majesty's Government as regards affording support to the officers of the Dominion Government in carrying out the instructions they have received for the protection of the Canadian fisheries.