

&c., &c.; of Our Trusty and Well beloved The Honorable Sir Lionel Sackville Sackville West, Knight Commander of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Our Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Our said Good Friends the United States of America, &c., &c., and of Our Trusty and Well beloved Sir Charles Tupper, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Companion of Our Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Minister of Finance of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., have named, made, constituted, and appointed, as We do by these Presents name, make, constitute and appoint them Our undoubted Plenipotentiaries: Giving to them, or to any two of them, all manner of power and authority to treat, adjust, and conclude, with such plenipotentiaries as may be vested with similar power and authority on the part of Our Good Friends The United States of America, any Treaties, Conventions, or Agreements that may tend to the attainment of the above-mentioned end, and to sign for Us and in Our Name, everything so agreed upon and concluded, and to do and transact all such other matters as may appertain to the finishing of the aforesaid work in as ample manner and form, and with equal force and efficiency as We Ourselves could do if Personally present: Engaging and promising upon Our Royal Word that whatever things shall be so transacted and concluded by Our said Plenipotentiaries shall be agreed to, acknowledged, and accepted by Us in the fullest manner, and that We will never suffer, either in the whole or in part, any person whatsoever to infringe the same, or act contrary thereto, as far as it lies in Our Power. In witness whereof We have caused the Great Seal of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland to be affixed to these Presents which We have signed with Our Royal Hand. Given at Our Court at Balmoral the twenty-fourth day of October in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, and in the fifty-first year of Our Reign.

The British Plenipotentiaries proposed that Mr. Bayard, Secretary of State of the United States, should preside.

Mr. Bayard, while expressing appreciation of the proposal, stated the opinion, in which the other United States Plenipotentiaries concurred, that it was not necessary that any one should preside; and the proposal was permitted to rest.

Mr. John B. Moore, Third Assistant Secretary of State of the United States, acting as Secretary to the United States Plenipotentiaries, and Mr. J. H. G. Bergne, C. M. G., Superintendent of the Treaty Department of the British Foreign Office, acting as secretary to the British Plenipotentiaries, were requested to make the Protocols of the Conference.

After some discussion of questions before the Conference, it was adjourned to 12 o'clock m. of the 28th of November.

PROTOCOL.

The treaty having been signed by the British Plenipotentiaries desire to state that they have been considering the position which will be created by the immediate commencement of the fishing season before the Treaty can possibly be ratified by the Senate of the United States, by the Parliament of Canada, and the Legislature of Newfoundland.