

CONFIDENTIAL.

Correspondence respecting the Claims of United States' Fishermen for Interruption of their Fishing at Fortune Bay and elsewhere on the Coast of Newfoundland: 1881-83.

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(In continuation of Confidential Paper No. 4517.)

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No. 1.

*Sir E. Thornton to Earl Granville.—(Received July 5.)*

(No. 183.)

My Lord,

*Washington, June 22, 1881.*

WITH reference to your Lordship's telegram No. 32 of the 20th instant, I have the honour to state that the claim made by certain United States' fishermen for having been prevented from fishing for bait in Aspee Bay has always appeared to me a very small affair, and has, I know, been so considered by both Mr. Evarts and Mr. Blaine. But such little claims, if neglected, are apt to be magnified in course of time, and as it could not be considered as one having arisen in a dependency of Newfoundland, I thought it would be desirable to mention it separately.

I am, however, of opinion that 150*l.* would fully satisfy the Aspee Bay claims mentioned above, and I am convinced that the United States' Government will not assign more than that sum to their satisfaction.

I have, &c.

(Signed) EDWD. THORNTON.

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No. 2.

*Mr. Bramston to Sir J. Pauscefote.—(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.

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Inclosure in No. 2.

*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.