

## No. 5.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.*

(Confidential.)

*Foreign Office, October 4, 1887.*

[Transmits copy of Sir L. West's No. 94, Treaty, Confidential, of September 15, 1887 :  
No. 148, Confidential Print No. 5510.]

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## No. 6.

*Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received October 6.)*

(No. 272.)

My Lord,

*Washington, September 23, 1887.*

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Lordship's despatch No. 219 of the 10th instant, and to inform your Lordship that I communicated it this day to the Secretary of State, and at his request left a copy of it in his hands.

Mr. Bayard did not comment on the terms of the despatch, which, he said, should have his serious consideration, and in alluding generally to the Alaska Seal Fishery question, he observed that although it certainly might be brought under the consideration of the Conference, and although he was willing that all questions in dispute should be discussed, he did not wish that it should obscure that of the fisheries off the coast of the maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

I have, &amp;c.

(Signed)

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

## No. 7.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.**Foreign Office, October 7, 1887.*

[Transmits copy of Sir L. West's No. 96, Treaty, of September 21, 1887 : *ante*,  
No. 1.]

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## No. 8.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.**Foreign Office, October 7, 1887.*

[Transmits copy of Sir L. West's No. 97, Treaty, of September 21, 1887 : *ante*,  
No. 2.]

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## No. 9.

*Foreign Office to Colonial Office.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, October 8, 1887.*

I AM directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant, inclosing a copy of a telegram from the Governor-General of Canada, and drafts of telegrams which Sir Henry Holland proposes to address to the Governments of Canada and Newfoundland respectively, concerning the terms of reference and the order of proceedings to be adopted for the Conference on the North American Fisheries question.

In reply, I am to express Lord Salisbury's concurrence in the proposed telegram, but his Lordship would suggest that in the telegram to Canada the word "directly" should be inserted before the words "including Alaskan fishery disputes," &c.; and that in the telegram to Newfoundland the whole of the last paragraph should be omitted, as his Lordship considers it would convey an unnecessary pledge as to the order of business at the Conference.