

No. 70.

Foreign Office to Colonial Office.

Sir, *Foreign Office, March 29, 1887.*
 IN reply to your letter of the 18th instant, suggesting that, if there is any doubt whether Article XXIX of the Treaty of Washington is now in force or not, it might be advisable to consult the Law Officers of the Crown, I am directed by the Marquis of Salisbury to request you to refer Sir Henry Holland to my letter of the 19th instant, and to state that his Lordship does not think there is at present any necessity for a reference to the Law Officers on this point; but that it might be desirable to obtain the opinion of the Canadian Government as to whether that Article is affected by any recent American legislation.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE.

No. 71.

Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received March 31.)

My Lord, *Washington, March 20, 1887.*
 I HAVE the honour to inclose to your Lordship herewith copies of a Treasury Circular calling the attention of officers of Customs and others to the provisions of the recent Acts of Congress relating to the importing and landing of mackerel caught during the spawning season, and authorizing the President to protect the rights of American fishing-vessels.

I have, &c.
 (Signed) L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

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Circular.

THE FISHERIES.

To Collectors of Customs and others, *Treasury Department, Bureau of Navigation,
 Washington, D. C., March 16, 1867.*
 THE attention of officers of Customs and others is invited to the provisions of the recent Acts of Congress printed below, one relating "to the importing and landing of mackerel caught during the spawning season," and the other authorizing the "President of the United States to protect the rights of American fishing-vessels, American fishermen, American trading and other vessels, in certain cases," &c.

(Signed) C. B. MORTON, *Commissioner.*

Approved:
 (Signed) C. S. FAIRCHILD, *Acting Secretary.*

An Act relating to the Importing and Landing of Mackerel caught during the Spawning Season.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that for the period of five years from and after the 1st day of March, 1888, no mackerel, other than what is known as Spanish mackerel, caught between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of June, inclusive, of each year, shall be imported into the United States or landed upon its shores; provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall be held to apply to mackerel caught with hook and line from boats, and landed in said boats, or in traps and weirs connected with the shore.

Sec. 2. That section 43,021 of the Revised Statutes is amended for the period of five years aforesaid, so as to read before the last sentence as follows: "This licence does not grant the right to fish for mackerel, other than for what is known as Spanish mackerel, between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of June, inclusive, of this year." Or in lieu