

No. 399.

Sir H. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.

DOWNING STREET, 24th November, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatches of the 4th and 16th instant, I have the honor to transmit to you herewith, for communication to Nos. 33 and 34. your Government a copy of a despatch received through the Foreign Office from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington with its enclosure relating to the seizure of the "Alfred Adams," in Behring's Sea.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General, the Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

Sir L. S. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.

WASHINGTON, 23rd October, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to my despatch No. 288 of the 20th instant, in which Enclosure No. 10 I had the honor to enclose copy of the note which, according to instructions, I addressed to the United States Government on the subject of the seizure of the "Alfred Adams," in Behring Sea, I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of Mr. Bayard's reply, in which he acknowledges the receipt of my above-mentioned communication.

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST

[Enclosure No. 2.]

Mr. Bayard to Sir L. S. S. West.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, 22nd October, 1887.

SIR,—I had the honor to receive last evening your note of the 19th instant, conveying the instructions addressed to you by the Marquis of Salisbury, that you Enclosure No. 11 should protest against the seizure of the Canadian vessel "Alfred Adams," in Behring Sea, and against the continuance of similar proceedings by the United States authorities on the high seas.

I have, &c.

T. F. BAYARD.

Sir H. Holland to Lord Lansdowne.

DOWNING STREET, 7th December, 1887.

MY LORD,—I have the honor to transmit to your Lordship herewith, for your information and for that of your Ministers, a copy of a despatch, received through the Foreign Office, which has been addressed by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries at the Fisheries Conference at Washington, relative to a proposed International Convention for the protection of seals in Behring Sea.

I have, &c.,

H. T. HOLLAND.

Governor General the Most Honorable the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., &c., &c.

Lord Salisbury to Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries at the Fisheries Conference.

FOREIGN OFFICE, 2nd December, 1887.

GENTLEMEN,—I received on the 26th instant a telegram from Mr. Chamberlain, enquiring whether a proposal for an international conference in regard to the Behring Sea fisheries had been accepted by Her Majesty's Government.