

Sir F. Lascelles to the Earl of Kimberley.—(Received September 17.)

My Lord,

St. Petersburg, September 8, 1894.

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of a note which I have addressed to M. de Giers, calling his Excellency's attention to the delay which has occurred in meeting the application of Her Majesty's Government for certain documentary evidence in connection with the seizure of Canadian sealers in 1892, and expressing the hope that I may be favoured with the reply of the Imperial Government.

I have, &c.

(Signed) FRANK C. LASCELLES.

Inclosure in No. 59.

Sir F. Lascelles to M. de Giers.

M. le Ministre,

St. Petersburg, August 27 (September 8), 1894.

ON the 13th (25th) November of last year Mr. Howard had the honour of addressing a note to your Excellency, to communicate the request of Her Majesty's Government to be furnished with certain documentary evidence in connection with the seizure of Canadian sealers in 1892.

In the early part of December Mr. Howard reminded Count Kapnist that no reply had been received from the Russian Government on the subject, and shortly after my arrival at St. Petersburg I again brought the matter to the notice of Count Kapnist, who informed me, as he had previously on more than one occasion informed Mr. Howard, that the application had been forwarded to the Imperial Ministry of Marine, from whom no reply had yet been received.

I have been instructed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to call your Excellency's attention to the delay which has occurred in meeting this application of Her Majesty's Government, and to express the hope that I may be favoured with the reply of the Imperial Government.

I avail, &c.

(Signed) F. LASCELLES.

No. 60.

Colonial Office to Foreign Office.—(Received October 2)

Sir,

Downing Street, October 1, 1894.

I AM directed by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to transmit to you, for the information of the Earl of Kimberley, a copy of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada in regard to the measures to be taken by the Russian Government for the protection of maritime interests in their north-eastern territories and seas.

I am, &c.

(Signed) R. H. MEADE.

Inclosure 1 in No. 60.

The Earl of Aberdeen to the Marquess of Ripon.

My Lord,

The Citadel, Quebec, September 10, 1894.

WITH reference to your Lordship's despatch of the 23rd July last in regard to the measures to be taken by the Russian Government for the protection of maritime industries in their north-eastern territories, I have the honour to inclose copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council, expressing the thanks of the Government for the information contained in your Lordship's despatch.

I have, &c.

(Signed) ABERDEEN.

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