

2. An Act for the Protection of the Herring and Salmon Fisheries on the Coast of this Island, and for other Purposes, A.D. 1862.
3. An Act to amend above, A.D. 1866.
4. An Act Relating to the Treaty of Washington 1871, A.D. 1873.

No. 300.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Holland.

Sir, *Foreign Office, July 29, 1873.*
 WITH reference to your letter of the 17th instant, in regard to the objection taken by the United States' Government to the sufficiency of the Act of the Newfoundland Legislature with reference to the Fishery Clause of the Treaty of Washington, I am directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you herewith a copy of a Report that his Lordship has received from the Law Officers of the Crown upon this question.*

I am, &c.
 (Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 301.

Mr. Hammond to Mr. Holland.

Sir, *Foreign Office, July 29, 1873.*
 I AM directed by Earl Granville to transmit to you, to be laid before the Earl of Kimberley, copies of despatches from Her Majesty's Minister at Washington, as marked in margin,† upon the subject of the Fishery Articles of the Treaty of Washington.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) E. HAMMOND.

No. 302.

Mr. Herbert to Mr. Hammond.—(Received August 4.)

Sir, *Downing Street, August 2, 1873.*
 I HAVE laid before the Earl of Kimberley your letter of the 29th ultimo, inclosing a copy of a Report from the Law Officers of the Crown upon the subject of the difficulty which has arisen as to the Newfoundland Legislature for giving effect to the Washington Treaty.

Lord Kimberley desires me to observe that the point which seems to require consideration is, in what position Newfoundland will be placed as regards her right to compensation under the Treaty, if the Commission meet and determine the amount of compensation due to Canada and Prince Edward Island, and is unable to take any notice of the Newfoundland fisheries in consequence of the United States' Government holding that the Newfoundland Act does not constitute formal compliance with the Washington Treaty. As the Newfoundland Legislature is unfortunately dissolved, and will not, his Lordship understands, meet again till February next, this question is one of practical urgency. His Lordship would suggest to Lord Granville that it might be desirable to furnish Sir E. Thornton with a copy of the Law Officers' opinion, in order that he may make a further endeavour to overcome the objections of the United States' Government to the Newfoundland Act.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) ROBERT G. W. HERBERT.

No. 303.

Mr. Herbert to Mr. Hammond.—(Received August 5.)

Sir, *Downing Street, August 5, 1873.*
 I AM directed by the Earl of Kimberley to transmit to you, to be laid before Earl Granville, three copies of the statement of the British claim under the Fishery Articles of

* No. 288.

† Nos. 296 and 298.