



Despatch.

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From LORD DERBY to the GOVERNOR of NEWFOUNDLAND.

DOWNING STREET, 12th June, 1884.

SIR,—

In my despatch No^l 77 of the 18th December last I informed the Officer administering the Government of Newfoundland of the appointment of Mr. Clare Ford, C.B., C.M.G., and Mr. E. B. Pennell as British Commissioners on the Commission to meet in Paris in connection with the Newfoundland Fisheries question.

These gentlemen, representing Her Majesty's Government, and M. Jagerschmidt and Captain Bigrel, acting on behalf of the Government of the French Republic, met in Paris on the 23rd January last, and the labours of the Commission were concluded at a meeting held on the 26th April, when an Arrangement was signed by the Commissioners.

I have now the honor to transmit to you a copy of that Arrangement, together with two inclosures accompanying it, which consist of a Statement and Map referred to in Article 2.

You will observe that the Arrangement has been entered into subject to the approval of the Governments of Great Britain and France; and Her Majesty's Government will not intimate their approval until the Colonial Government and Legislature have had an opportunity of studying its provisions, and of considering the great advantages which it affords for a settlement of the long outstanding and difficult question of the fisheries.