

copy of each such document and plan shall be retained by the United States of America and the other shall be deposited with the Government of Newfoundland.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The Great Seal of the Island of Newfoundland has been affixed to these presents at St. John's in the Island aforesaid.

By His Excellency's Command.

Commissioner for Home Affairs.

And the United States of America has caused these presents to be executed on its behalf by the day and the year first above written.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES REGARDING NEWFOUNDLAND BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR IN LONDON

Mr. Winston Churchill to Mr. Winant.

Foreign Office, March 27, 1941.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform your Excellency that, in signing this day the Agreement concerning the lease of Bases, it is the intention of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that, upon the resumption by Newfoundland of the constitutional status held by it prior to the 16th February, 1934, the words "the Government of the United Kingdom," wherever they occur in relation to a provision applicable to Newfoundland in the said Agreement, shall be taken to mean, so far as Newfoundland is concerned, the Government of Newfoundland, and the Agreement shall then be construed accordingly.

2. If the Government of the United States agree to this interpretation, I would suggest that the present Note and your Excellency's reply to that effect be regarded as placing on record the understanding of the two Contracting Governments in this matter.

I have, etc.

WINSTON S. CHURCHILL

Mr. Winant to Mr. Winston Churchill.

*Embassy of the United States of America,
London, March 27, 1941.*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Excellency's Note of to-day's date, the terms of which are as follows:—

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