

No. 147.

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Mr. Hammond.—(Received October 18.)

Sir, *Admiralty, October 16, 1862.*
 COMMANDER THRUPP, of Her Majesty's ship "Desperate," having incurred the expense of 20*l.* in providing for the entertainment of Mr. Commissioner Perley, in July last, on the occasion of his visiting the bays and fishing stations in Newfoundland, and the Commissioner having died after having been on board nineteen days, I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to acquaint you that they approve of the sum in question being refunded to Commander Thrupp, but will be glad to be informed whether Earl Russell is of opinion that the amount should be charged to the public.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) W. G. ROMAINE.

No. 148.

Sir F. Rogers to Mr. Hammond.—(Received December 4.)

Sir, *Downing Street, December 3, 1862.*
 I AM directed by the Duke of Newcastle to inclose, for Earl Russell's consideration, copies of a letter from the Admiralty with extracts of its inclosures, from which it will be seen that their Lordships are desirous of being informed whether the laws of Newfoundland for the regulation of their fisheries are binding on inhabitants of the United States fishing within Newfoundland waters.

His Grace desires me to inclose the copy of a letter which with Earl Russell's concurrence he would propose to address to the Law Officers of the Crown in order to obtain their opinion on the subject.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) FREDERIC ROGERS.

Inclosure 1 in No. 148.

The Secretary to the Admiralty to Sir F. Rogers.

Sir, *Admiralty, November 12, 1862.*
 I AM commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to send you herewith, for the information of Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, a copy of a letter from Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Milne, dated the 28th October, with copies of its inclosures from Captain Hamilton, of Her Majesty's ship "Vesuvius," relating to the Newfoundland and Labrador fisheries.

My Lords desire to call attention to the question asked by Sir Alexander Milne, whether, under the Reciprocity Treaty, United States' fishermen are bound to obey the laws and regulations which from time to time may be established by the Newfoundland Legislature as to the mode in which fish is to be taken on the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I am, &c.
 (Signed) W. G. ROMAINE.

Inclosure 2 in No. 148.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Milne to the Secretary to the Admiralty.

Sir, *"Nile," Halifax, October 28, 1862.*
 IN transmitting, for their Lordships' information, the inclosed copy of Captain Hamilton's letter of proceedings of the 15th instant, and of his Fishery Report for the last season, I beg you will acquaint their Lordships that the thanks of the Council of Newfoundland were accorded to that officer for his services during that period.

I should, however, be glad to be informed whether, under the Reciprocity Treaty, United States' fishermen are bound to obey the laws and regulations which from time to