

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to whom the telegrams were referred, states that, immediately upon their receipt, he caused telegraphic instructions to be sent to the Collectors of Customs at Victoria and Vancouver, directing them to notify sealers that the Agreement with Russia would probably be renewed for another year.

The Committee advise that your Excellency be moved to forward a certified copy of this Minute, if approved, to the Right Honourable the Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, for the information of Her Majesty's Government.

All of which is respectfully submitted for your Excellency's approval.

(Signed)

JOHN J. MCGEE,

*Clerk of the Privy Council.*

No. 47.

*The Earl of Rosebery to Mr. Fraser.*

(Telegraphic.)

*Foreign Office, March 3, 1894.*

I SENT you on the 29th ultimo an Order in Council prolonging the Sealing Arrangement with Russia.

You should issue warnings as was done last year.

No. 48.

*Foreign Office to Admiralty.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 3, 1894.*

WITH reference to the despatch from Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires at St. Petersburg, which has been communicated to you, on the subject of the renewal until further notice of the arrangement with Russia for the protection of fur-seals in the North Pacific, I am directed by the Earl of Rosebery to transmit herewith, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, copies of an Order in Council passed on the 29th January last for the purpose of giving effect to that arrangement.

Copies of this Order have been forwarded to Her Majesty's Minister at Tôkiô, and should be in his hands in the course of a few days.

He has been instructed by telegraph to issue warnings to the British sealers who may shortly be expected to appear in Japanese waters of the prolongation of the arrangement with Russia, and of the restrictions imposed by it.

It is desirable that the same system of co-operation on the part of Her Majesty's cruisers with the vessels of the Imperial Russian navy as that in force last year for the policing of the waters affected by the Agreement, and for seizing and dealing with sealers infringing it, should again be put in force. That system has, so far as Lord Rosebery is aware, worked satisfactorily, and he would suggest that the instructions to naval officers which accompanied the letter from this Department of the 30th June last should again be issued.

His Lordship would further suggest, for the consideration of their Lordships, that it might be advisable, in view of the near approach of the sealing season, to instruct the naval authorities in those waters by telegraph to take steps for warning intending sealers.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

H. PERCY ANDERSON.

No. 49.

*The Earl of Rosebery to Mr. Howard.*

Sir,

*Foreign Office, March 6, 1894.*

WITH reference to your despatch of the 10th January in regard to the prolongation of the Sealing Arrangement with Russia, I transmit herewith copies of an Order in Council passed on the 29th January last for giving effect to that

arrangement that similar co-operation for this service.

Copies of instructions British seals.

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